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LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

GERMANS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES.

COLOSSAL CASUALTIES IN POLAND.

Russians Make Big Captures in the Carpathians.

ZEPPELIN SCARE IN ENGLAND.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

A False Alarm.

Feb. 1, 11.15 p.m.

It is reported that airships appeared off the south-east coast to-night and that the forts opened fire and drove them across the Channel.

The authorities in London and elsewhere were most prompt in taking precautions to obscure lights and protect important points. All was done with splendid orderliness and calm.

Feb. 2, 3 a.m.

There was gun-firing by the coast batteries and searchlights were busy, but no hostile aircraft appeared.

Rumours were rife in London that a fleet of Zeppelins was approaching, but the rumours were baseless. They were probably due to trial defence measures, entailing a further diminution of light and the calling out of the special constables.

Feb. 2, 5.25 a.m.

The gun-firing at Dover was due to the non-compliance of a steamer with the port regulations.

Nyassaland Rising Crushed.

Feb. 1, 11.15 p.m.

The Press Bureau announces that the Governor of Nyassaland further telegraphs to the effect that, although the leader of the rebellion is still uncaptured, he is being closely pursued. His followers have been broken up, and captures of other ringleaders continue to be made. The rising may be regarded as suppressed.

German Attacks Fail.

Feb. 2, 12.55 a.m.

The Paris evening communique says:—This morning the enemy violently attacked our trenches north of the La Bassee-Bethune road, but was repulsed, leaving numerous dead.

German infantrymen at Beaumont Hamel, north of Albert, attempted to surprise one of our trenches, but were repulsed, abandoning the explosives with which they were provided.

There has been great activity in the region of Fontaine-Madame and Bois de la Gracie in Argonne.

A German attack in the direction of Bagatelle was repulsed. One of our trenches was mined and wrecked. We evacuated the trench and suffered no losses.

There has been no fighting in the Vosges or in Alsace, where there has been a heavy fall of snow.

"Business as Usual."

Feb. 2, 5.25 a.m.

Some of the regular sailings of cargo steamers between Great Britain and Ireland have been cancelled, but Liverpool is not scared. Vessels were entering and leaving that port yesterday as usual.

The large passenger lines continue their sailings, fully confident that the Admiralty will dispose of the raiders.

Promotions.

Feb. 2, 5.25 a.m.

Colonel Rowland Mainwaring and Colonel George Stockwell have been appointed Divisional Commanders.

[Colonel R. B. Mainwaring recently returned to the Army after retiring. He has served on several expeditions, and was in the Burmese expedition in 1895-96, with the 1st Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He commanded the 2nd Batt. R.W.F. in Crete in 1895 (Brevet of Colonel, O.M.G.), and became Colonel in the following year. He was A.A.G., Portsmouth, 1899; A.A.G., South Africa, 1899-1900, being mentioned in despatches, Queen's Medal and two clasps. Colonel Mainwaring also commanded the 23rd Regimental district, 1900-8.]

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

Colonel G. C. I. Stockwell, D.S.O., was the Brigade Commander of the Highland Light Infantry. He served in the Chitral Relief Force, 1892 (despatches, medal with clasp); South Africa, 1899-1902 (despatches, Queen's and King's medals, four clasps, D.S.O.)

U. S. Democrats and the Ship Purchase Bill.

Feb. 2, 5.25 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington reports that the debate in the Senate on the Ship Purchase Bill, which the Republicans are obstructing, has been adjourned after Senator Clarke (Democrat and temporary President) had startled his colleagues by moving to recommit the Bill to the Commerce Committee for revision.

Russians Inflict Heavy Losses.

Feb. 2, 7.50 a.m.

A Petrograd communique says:—An attempt was made by the Germans on Saturday to take the offensive on the Lipno-Dobrzyn line (on the right bank of the Vistula towards Thorn), but they were repulsed with heavy loss. The enemy was forced to evacuate the village of Makow.

The Germans on Sunday concentrated large artillery forces in the region of Sokaczew-Bolimow, and then attacked in strength and close formation with large supports.

An impetuous German attack on Sunday in the region of Borjimmoff forced us to retire to our second line of trenches.

Over 10,000 Austrians and Germans Accounted For.

The prisoners captured in the Borjimmoff region say that the German attacks between January 23 and 30 cost them over 6,000 killed.

In the Carpathians we captured 78 officers and 4,065 men between January 20 and 20.

Colossal German Losses.

Feb. 2, 8.55 a.m.

We re-captured all the trenches at Borjimmoff by a vigorous counter attack.

The German casualties were colossal.

The enemy simultaneously attacked the villages of Goumine and Moghelj, being supported by a withering artillery fire. We repulsed them by artillery and bayonets, and regained our positions.

SECRETS OF SOISSONS.

Horses & Cows Hidden Underground.

In France, Dec. 24.

In the whole of Europe there is no ground more precious than that which has been wrested from the Germans in the recent fighting. All told it does not amount to very much actual territory, but there is something in capture which is irresistibly attractive to the allied soldier, conscious for the first time in this war of a military superiority over the enemy.

Moreover, it is now almost safe to say that what we regain in France and Belgium we hold. Our strategic points, trenches, and artillery combine to make it possible for the allied soldier to carry out his heroic resolve of holding on. The peasant population are so thoroughly convinced that all is well that they are returning to their ruined homes—or just so much of home as shells and mines and other aids to destruction have left. The peasant in this part of the world is a very shrewd judge of warfare. He saw the German food and the steps that were taken to beat it back. He has stood by and watched havoc at its worst. He is to be found everywhere in the zone of fire, indifferent to danger, and where secrecy is the essence of warfare, sometimes a menace even to his own friends. He has peddled buttons and bootlaces among German troops and French and British troops, shrewdly observed the spirit of both, and has come to the definite conclusion that the German flood of horror and destruction is receding

from his home. In a few weeks we shall find him tilling the explosive soil while the guns get fainter and fainter in the distance, and finally there will come the great day for the rebuilding of the homestead or cottage.

Well Buried Treasure.

At one recovered point in Flanders there was an old peasant sometimes to be found selling bootlaces to the British soldiers. The other day the Allied line went forward towards Zonnebeke, and behind the army went the old man. When the point had been recovered the peasant identified what remained of his home, and having done so immediately commenced to burrow in the earth. Suddenly he gave a little cry of satisfaction and drew forth his stock of savings buried there when the Germans began their grand march on Calais. He was fortunate, for the Germans have dug up almost every square yard of ground for Belgian buried treasure. They had missed the old man's stock.

The favourite hiding-place for the French peasants round Soissons was the caves. When the British were at Soissons they made a requisition of horses discovered by some Sherlock Holmes in the ranks. It was in this way the Soissons caves have subterranean ramifications of which Baedeker or any other guide except the peasant himself is ignorant. When the German invasion of France began the French peasants took to the caves—men, women, children, furniture, horses, cattle, dogs. The whole household went to the caves. The French Government wanted the horses, but once in the caves they could not be found.

Following a Clue.

When the British came up a soldier one day noticed a peasant walking to the mouth of a cave carrying a wisp of hay. He followed. The peasant went on and on into darkness and oblivion, that was the blackness of night. Presently the peasant came to some horses, which devoured the wisp of hay. The soldier went back to the light and informed the Paymaster of the British Army where horses could be found and offered to act as guide to the Paymaster's representative. The horses were rescued, requisitioned, and to the delight of the frightened French peasant, paid for in good English gold.

But I learn from a French officer who has been with the French army at Soissons for over two months that the caves are daily revealing some wonderful hidden treasure. Cows have been brought out after weeks of imprisonment in the dark. Household goods galore have been rescued, and only quite recently have some families deserted the caves for the open life of Soissons. Every time the Germans bombard the district the people betake themselves to the caves, where they can live in safety, and where their knowledge of the subterranean ramifications is of no small military value.—Daily News.

"LITTLE JELICOE."

The Man who Commands our Fleet.

Frederick William, the father of Frederick the Great, who trawled all Europe for giants, would have been very much disgusted with our choice of our leaders in this great war, writes T. P. O'Connor in the *Globe*. In politics we have Lloyd George and Winston Churchill, and they are small men. French, our Commander-in-Chief, is a small man, and finally Jellicoe, the Admiral of our Fleet, is a small man. I have heard him referred to in private even disrespectfully as "Little Jellicoe." But I should tell the circumstances under which the familiar title was applied.

As everybody will remember, on the fatal 22nd of June, 1913, the Victoria came into collision with the Camperdown, and Admiral Tryon, whose ill-fated order caused the disaster, 21 of his officers, and 350 of the men were drowned. But Jellicoe was not drowned, though he ought to have been. For when the collision came he was lying in his berth and had been there for days down with an attack of fever. It was there that he heard the grinding noise of the collision. He forgot his fever, jumped out of bed, gave the warning to all the sailors, and rushed up on deck till he saw everybody off the doomed vessel, "and the last sight we saw," says the man who tells the story with great gusto, "was 'Little Jellicoe.' It wasn't till the word of 'every man for himself' was given that Jellicoe jumped into the sea; then he was so weak that but for a friendly midshipman's help he would have had to go down. But Midshipman West held him up till they were both rescued by a boat."

Indeed, Jellicoe ought to have been dead long ago, for he has been in as tight places as ever a man was. He went out to the rescue of a boat at Gibraltar in a roaring gale; the gig was capsized and Jellicoe was washed ashore. He got a silver medal from the Board of Trade. That medal went down with the rest in the Victoria. He asked the Board of Trade for a duplicate; he was politely told he could have it—if he paid for it. Here is a career that follows apparently its destined course from the first hour, for at school and college Jellicoe determined to be master of his profession, and he studied every branch of it, and all the literature upon it. His

knowledge of every branch of the profession is described by experts as astonishing. He knows all about guns—it was he that helped Fisher to revolutionise the guns of our Navy. He knows all about torpedoes; he knows all about, and he could command, if necessary, a submarine. He has always been a man of progress. He helped at the birth of the Dreadnought, at the side of Fisher again. He trampled on the century-old traditions of the Navy that sailors need not fire straight. Nelson had always sent his ships right up to the ships of the enemy, and in fighting at short range does not demand very skilful marksmanship. But Jellicoe changed all that; when he was in charge of a ship he insisted on his men learning gunnery, and his ship always took first place in gunnery.

His service has been varied. He nearly lost his life through a bad wound during the expedition in China which Admiral Seymour commanded when the Boxers were turning things upside down. He has commanded many ships. But there is this remarkable fact—this man, who essentially is a man of action, has had abundant experience of the office desk as well. He has been almost everything in the office of the Admiralty except First Sea Lord. The modern organisation of the fleet is due largely to his labour not on sea but on land, in Whitehall, not in the North Sea, which is one of the reasons why his knowledge is so all-round. Which also makes for greater efficiency, because Admiral Jellicoe at sea perfectly understands the working of the great department at home. And want of harmony between the bigwigs in Whitehall and the Admirals at sea has often risked our whole fate at sea. Poor Nelson was often tortured almost into despair by friction thus produced. But Jellicoe holds his place, he was lifted above the heads of innumerable rivals to the chief command, thanks to the trust in him which is felt by Mr. Churchill and Lord Fisher. And the three work together with perfect harmony and entire understanding and sympathy between them. Fisherspeaks of Jellicoe with unstinted eulogy, and the Admirals that Fisher trusts England can well trust too.

Prince Arthur of Connaught a Target for Armenians.

Paris, December 17.—An explanation of why the German airmen are persistently dropping bombs on Hazebronek is furnished by the announcement to-day that Prince Arthur of Connaught is staying there as the guest of the famous politician-priest, Abbe Lemire.

The V. C. and the Iron Cross.

In contrast with the lavish manner in which the German Kaiser has been flinging about the Iron Cross—although there is a story that his Majesty recently tore that decoration off the breast of an Imperial Prince, who had made a fool of himself in France—the Victoria Cross is still as difficult to win as ever. Up to November 27 but nineteen awards had been made, four to the Royal Field Artillery, three to the Royal Horse Artillery. The Royal Engineers have also secured three, while the Royal Fusiliers and the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry have each gained two decorations. The other units that have each got one V.C. are the 9th Lancers, the 15th Hussars, the King's Royal Rifle Corps, the Welsh Regiment, and the Royal Army Medical Corps. Nine of the awards have been given to officers (four of whom have since died), and the remaining ten to non-commissioned officers and men, several of whom have now been promoted from the ranks.

TELEGRAMS

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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NEWS.

Interesting war items will be found elsewhere.

Further notes on the crisis appear on page 4.

This morning's training times are given elsewhere.

The report of the Union Waterboat Company appears on page 6.

Football fixtures for Saturday are given elsewhere.

General news and an article headed "All is Not Going Well," appear on page 3.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2, commensal news on page 9 and log book on page 6.

DON'T FORGET.

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Monday, February 8.
Sale of China and Carico.—G. P. Lammer's Sales Room—2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9.
The H.K. Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., meeting of shareholders—noon.

Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders.—Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. offices—11.30 a.m.

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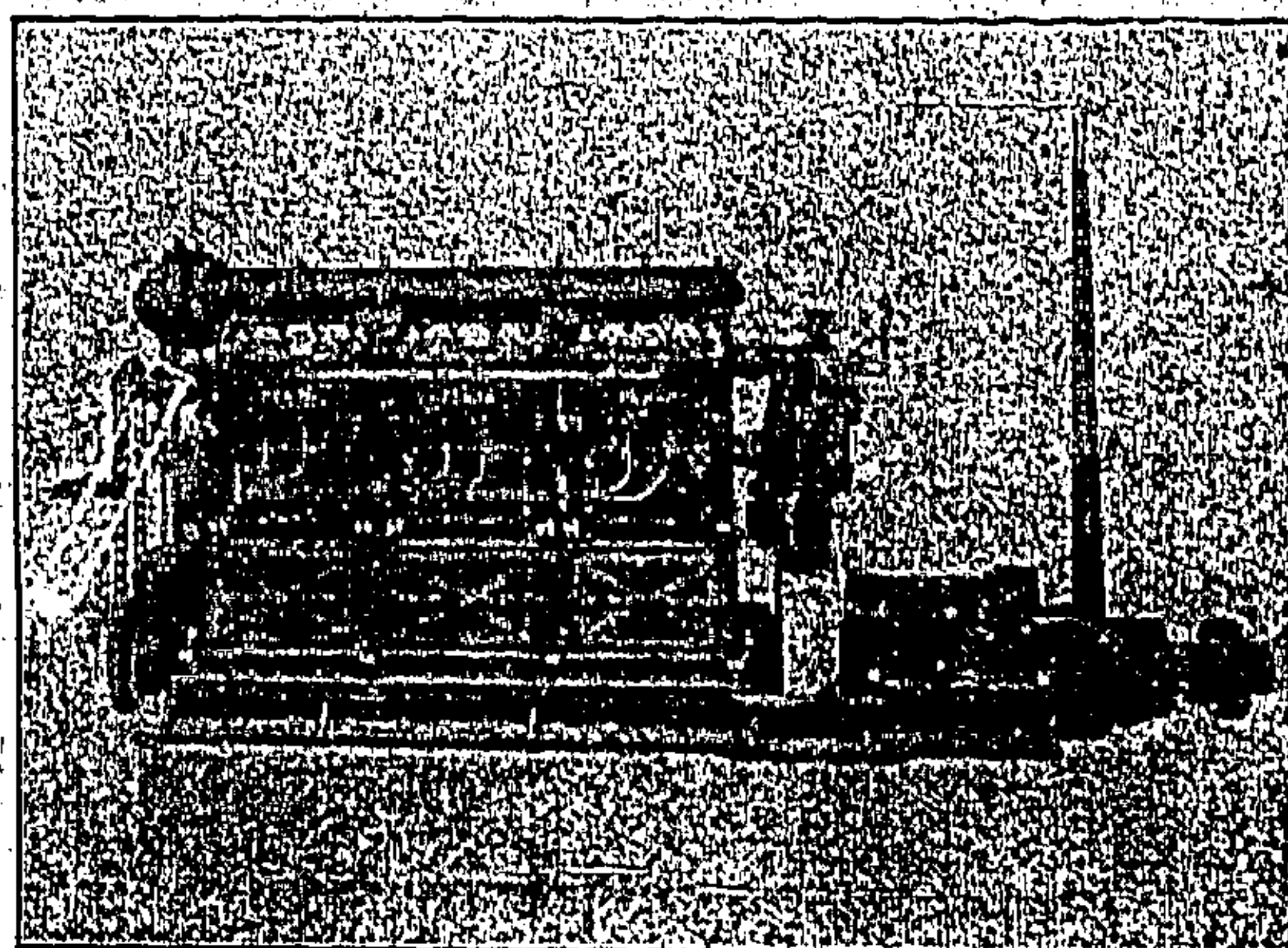
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South China Morning Post.

A Chance for the Philippines.
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Daily Press.

Citizenship and the Empire.

A new law of naturalization came into operation in the British Empire at the beginning of this year, which established for the first time the status of citizenship of the British Empire. As the Times very appositely observed, so far as naturalization was concerned Imperial unity has hitherto meant nothing. The new law, which is entitled "The British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914," was published in the Hongkong Government Gazette of the 22nd ult., together with a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies which explained that the law gives effect to a resolution approved by the Imperial Conference of 1911, which affirmed that Imperial nationality should be world-wide and uniform. Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointed out at the Imperial Conference in 1911, when reform in this direction was originally discussed, that Americans who entered Canada and became British subjects under letters of naturalization, were deemed to be American citizens if they landed in England. Similar anomalies existed in other parts of the Empire, particularly in South Africa. There, if a naturalized British subject of Cape Colony went to the Transvaal or to Natal, he was regarded as an alien; and, if he tried in despair to fall back on the country of his birth, that country refused to have anything to do with him on the ground that he had become a British subject.

China Mail.

"G.B.S." and the War.

"Mr. Shaw, being a State doctrinaire, has more affinities with Prussia than most Occidentals. His is a point of view like another; but his ideas of liberty are those of the Bankers of an early Prussian tribal chief. That no doubt his pro-Prussian sympathies may be pardoned to him—he owes so much to Wagner and Marx, too. For my part I would inter him at Olympia, not because he is pro-Prussian, but because he has tried to drag in the United States that the United States may drag the Fabian chestnuts out of the European conflagration."

The fact is that Mr. Shaw is much more of a cynic than he is a patriot. Like another well-known Englishman who wrote on "Common Sense," he really wishes it to be known that he takes the world for his country and that his religion is "to do good." With such a religion surely none will find fault, but in these days of intense patriotism one is apt to look askance at any one who says he finds that things are done not only differently, but that they are sometimes done better in other countries than his own.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Where Buglers are Trained.
A new use has been found for the Adolphi Archers. They continue to serve as the finest wine-cellars in London, but they are also utilised each day by Army men learning to play the bugle. The din is considerable, and penetrates even to the illustrious residences above.

Training of Mothers.
The London County Council reports that Schools for Mothers, which are of comparatively recent origin, have proved valuable, their chief aim being to train mothers in the care and management of young children with a view to the prevention of infantile mortality. The Board of Education is now making grants, so that the work of these schools can be continued.

Raid on Child Street Traders
in London.

The L. C. C. Education Committee report that "a special street raid" was made one evening by school attendance officers for the purpose of discovering cases of trading by children contrary to the Council's bye-laws under the Employment of Children's Act. They found 333 delinquents. The committee have decided to issue 20 summonses and to serve 400 notices on employers and parents.

Flouting the Insurance Act.
For infringing the provisions of the Insurance Act by neglecting to stamp the cards of two waitresses in her employ, Marian E. Hawes, of the Ashanti Tea Rooms, Hercules-passage, Threadneedle-street, was, at the Mansion House Police Court, ordered to pay a fine of £10, with one guinea costs. It was stated that defendant had caused the insurance authorities a lot of trouble, as over forty visits and warnings had been given her.

Mr. Meaker Released.
Washington, December 21.—Through the good offices of the local American Consul, Mr. Meaker, the British subject who was arrested by the Mexican authorities at Naraj (Sonora) on a charge of "transporting the enemies of the State," has been released on bail to the amount of 5,000 pesos. Mr. Meaker is the manager of a ranch, and the Carranzistas seized his motor car; hence the charge.

Interesting to Hongkong Indians.

A correspondent writes to the *Pall Mall Gazette* as follows:—Having seen a French translation of "Tipperary" I thought you might like to publish an Indian version also:—

Burra dur hai Tipperary,
Bashoot lambah kooch wo,
Burra dur hai Tipperary,
Saki pae pownchenay ko.
Ran Ram Piccadilly,
Salam Leicester-square,
Barr burth dur hav Tipperary,
Lakin dil hooay phar-gayahi!

A Generous Maharaja.

The Maharaja of Gwalior, whose offer to establish and equip a convalescent home for six Indian officers and 50 sepoy in the East Africa Protectorate has been accepted by the Government, has already identified himself with a number of philanthropic enterprises started in connection with the present war. With the Begum of Bhopal, he presented a hospital ship completely equipped with 500 beds to the nation. In the Boxer trouble he accompanied General Gaselee as orderly officer in 1901, and provided the expedition with a hospital ship at his own expense, and again at the time of the Darbar.

Nordhausen.
Nordhausen, which has decided to plant an oak in memory of Hans Lody, the spy, is one of the oldest towns in North Germany, and in 874 possessed a Royal Palace. The upper portion of the town is built on the slope of the mountain, and the lower portion on the plain below, the two parts being connected by flights of steps. It is chiefly noted for its distilleries, whence come 10,000,000 gallons of "Korn Schnapps" annually; and it also has the reputation of being the Oincinnati of Germany, owing to the large quantities of pork, corned beef, ham, and sausage it exports.

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"ALL IS NOT GOING WELL."

Frank Admissions of a German Pastor.

Paris, Dec 24.

The following letter was found upon a German Protestant clergyman, who was killed by a shrapnel bullet in the Aisne. It expresses doubtless what many of his comrades are thinking:—"My dear Ludwig, I admire you and I envy your fine optimism. It is not my fault; I see so many frightful and horrible things, so many wounded here. I only see war under its most forbidding aspect. All the same, I am of opinion that all is going well you are not hard to please. We beat the foreigners at Charleroi, but not even you can deny that they beat us in their turn on the Marne. We left on the field an enormous quantity of men and war material. Certain of our corps were in full rout.

"Forgive my frankness, but if the French had not been so weary they could have done with us what they liked. I saw soldiers dropping around me, unable to go on. Do you know that we retreated without stopping, to Pecy (—) a tiny village where I was. From that moment we fell back constantly and in hot haste. I say 'fell back,' but I ought to employ another term with you. Fortunate indeed were we to find unassailable quarries which these idiots of foreigners had allowed us to prepare in peace time. Even as it is, they have dislodged us from more than one.

Not in Paris Yet.

"We were to be in Paris in three weeks: it was all arranged and settled; the St. Etienne arrived in public, and now four months have gone by and still we are not there. Shall we get to Paris now? I doubt it, for my part.

"I know not if anyone here has any idea of what is going on in Russia. Let us hope that matters are better there than here, for the French are not all rotten, as we were told and retold, and they often dare to attack with the bayonet.

"You assure me that we have gained an average of 20 kilometres (12½ miles). This is, at all events, not the case everywhere, for in Argonne we are hardly making any progress, in spite of our heavy artillery.

"Only the other day we lost three trenches, or 1,200 yards, and heaps of killed and wounded; so did the French, I suppose, but all the same.

"And what about those attacks on massed in the north? Do you consider them successes? The truth is being concealed from us, but aviators have thrown down Italian and Swiss journals to us, and if they are to be trusted, it was a massacre beyond all that the imagination can conceive.

and to what end? And what do you think of the brains of our Staff, not to have foreseen that the

AN ENGLISH VOLKSLIED.

[According to a German map of England, only Devonshire and Cornwall will remain British territory at the end of the war.]

[Tune: "Widdicombe Fair,"]

Jan Bull, Jan Bull, give me thy grey coat,
All along Channel and up the North Sea,
For I'm planning to gobble your island on toast—
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And what will be spared to Jan Bull of your greed?—
Cornwall and Devonshire's zidy and cream;

I cannot spare more, I've too many to feed—
There's Joachim and Adalbert, Eitel Friedrich, Bethmann-Hollweg, Von Moltke, Francis Joseph, The Kronprinz, Meinself, Gott und all,

The Kronprinz, Meinself, Gott und all!

ground could be flooded? A lot of good we have got out of it!

Time on Alles' Side.

"It is my opinion that the French have everything to gain by waiting and temporising. Their strength can only increase, whereas ours? The French whom we have made prisoners are far from being discouraged. They are confident of the victory of the Allies, and nothing can make them change their opinion.

"I know by them that Franco within is a solid block, that living is not much dearer and—who would have believed it?—that their organisation is not at all in disorder, for they have in abundance all that they need.

"Ah! if it were not for the superiority of our heavy artillery, if we had not such a number of machine guns, and if our military preparations had not been so scrupulously complete!

"The fact is that in spite of our desperate attacks with our best troops (for the Imperial Guard has done its utmost) we have been brought to a standstill. The enemy is daily growing stronger, and I dare not ask what the future has in store for us.

"Well, Gott mit uns! We shall do our duty to the last. My pessimism does not discourage me. Indeed, I am only pessimistic with you. I do not let my comrades know what I think.

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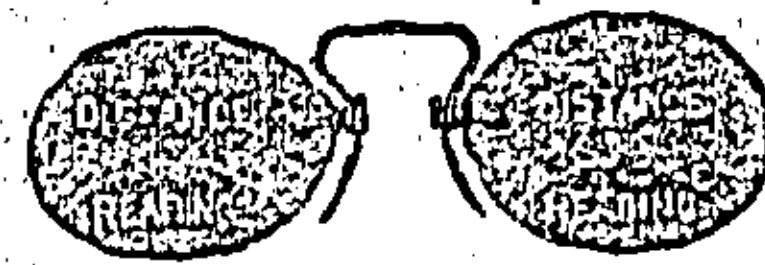
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Hongkong, Jan. 22nd, 1915.

King Albert and the Kaiser.
The *Daily Mail* diplomatic correspondent, in describing the interview of King Albert of Belgium with the Kaiser at Berlin a fortnight before the war began, states that the Kaiser actually said:—"Someday you will remember that you are a Coburg." King Albert replied:—"Certainly, and I am also an Orleanist; but, above all, I am a Belgian."

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

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THE LAW'S DELAYS.

The delays in the administration of civil law in Hongkong have frequently given rise to complaint, but as time goes on no remedial measures are taken. In fact, the position grows worse instead of better. These delays are solely due to the congested state of the Law Lists at the Supreme Court, and time has shown that it is an utter impossibility for two Judges to wipe off the arrears, and, at the same time, to cope with new cases as they come along. Every year the report on the work of the local Judiciary discloses a large number of actions which have to be carried forward; thus the Judges never start with a clean sheet—they are always battling with the arrears. In the Summary Court a step was recently taken to facilitate matters by setting aside a day for undefended cases, but, at the best, methods such as these are merely ameliorative; they do not help much towards the solution of the bigger question.

A couple of instances may be cited to show what a congested state of affairs prevails in the Courts. On "settling day" last week it was mentioned that no fewer than seven remands had been granted in a case which, when it does come on, will not occupy more than two hours. All this means piling up the costs, to say nothing of the annoyance created to litigants through inability to have the action heard. To take a larger matter. The Original Court is at the present moment hearing an important petition which is likely to last fully three weeks. That cannot be avoided, of course, but the point we wish to make is that the result is that all other actions pending in that Court will be hung up and the only work which can be done is Chamber work. These two instances alone are sufficient to establish the fact that the machinery of the Courts is badly clogged. What then is the remedy? When the present Law Courts were built, provision was made for three Judges, a Court being provided for each. Two of these are in use for the purposes for which they were intended, but the third is utilized as an office. Some time back there was talk of a Government official, possessing the necessary qualifications, being appointed as a third Judge, but for some unknown reason the idea has not materialised. As we view the question, the plan has everything to recommend it. If it were adopted, the work might be apportioned on some such lines as these:—In ordinary times the Chief Justice would deal with Original Court matters, as he does at present; the Paine Judge would take all Summary Court actions in which the claim exceeded, say, \$250; and the third Judge would adjudicate in Summary cases where the claim was below the sum mentioned. Then, when the Original Court is hung up with a big case, as at present, the Paine Judge could temporarily handle the other business of that Court and the third Judge could for the time being take over the whole of the Summary Court cases.

There is no reason that we can think of why some such plan as this should not be given a trial. Magistrates have been appointed to sit in the Full Court in Hongkong when the Judge from Shanghai has not been available, and they often, in their ordinary work at the Police Court, decide questions of wages due, etc. They are thus fully qualified to sit in the Third Court, should one be permanently established. There is never a dearth of civil servants to fill Government posts when leave-taking times come round; hence there should be no difficulty in making an appointment of this kind without incurring additional expense. At any rate, the present congestion is serious and it demands prompt and thorough attention.

The Cheating Compadore.

It is matter for satisfaction that a European should be found who is ready to come forward and prosecute a compadore for cheating more than the legal price for food-stuffs, even though the excess charge should only amount to two cents on two lbs. of sweet potatoes. The case to which we are referring was reported in our issue of yesterday, and, though the offender endeavoured to wriggle out of the situation by pushing the blame on to the prosecutor's cook, he was ordered to pay a sum well over a thousand times the amount of the overcharge. Every day we publish in the Telegraph the official list of prices, and our advice to householders is to check the compadore's book by that list, and, when more than the maximum price is charged, at once to place the matter in the hands of the Food Committee, who will be only too willing to prosecute. Many housewives, in such circumstances, merely alter the price in the book, and the would-be cheating compadore quietly acquiesces. If the evil is to be stamped out, however, prosecutions alone will avail, and we hope, for that reason, that heed will be taken of our suggestion.

A Wise Concession.

In our Canton correspondent's notes yesterday it was mentioned that the Civil Governor of Kwangtung is prepared to excuse the paddy-field tax this year, so far as certain of the sufferers by the recent floods are concerned. The measure is a wise and a gracious one. The outbreak of war, coming almost immediately on the top of the excitement over the Kwangtung floods, has made most of us forget the deplorable plight into which the peasantry of the Delta have been plunged; but we gather that there is still much distress in the neighbourhood, and it goes without saying that, even taking into account the ready generosity with which all classes subscribed to the relief fund, there must yet be a terrible scarcity of money in the district for some while to come. To ask people who have lost their all to pay a land-tax that comes perilously near to being equivalent to a bread-tax is to break the already bruised reed. More than that, in the case of the Southern Chinese, it is to drive men into piracy and brigandage. We hope to hear that Li Kwok-kwan's suggestion will develop into actuality.

Mr. C. F. G. Masterman.

We printed, in our General News column yesterday, some remarks from Home concerning Mr. C. F. G. Masterman and his search for a seat in Parliament, from which it will be seen that his political life is not altogether a bed of rose-petals. It is unfair to speak of a man as a failure till at any rate he has been long dead and forgotten. Still unfairer is it to prophesy failure for any living man without knowing what he has "up his sleeve." Yet we have a feeling that Mr. Masterman has disappointed many people and has not—so far—anything like fulfilled the promise of his youth. He was one of those young men who had the good fortune to be "talked about" long before he left Cambridge, and his fine record there made it likely that plenty of useful openings would lie before him. As literary editor of the *Daily News*, when that periodical had a recognised standing, he showed that he could do good work; moreover his writings proved that he had an unusual grasp of sociological problems. He was made Secretary to the Treasury three years ago, and since then one may be pardoned for asking: What has he done? But as he is but little over forty, perhaps his day is yet to come. Despite the occasional somewhat erratic turn of his politics, he is a man of whom one is justified in expecting big things.

That "Victory?"

Amsterdam, Dec. 10.
The Queen of Sweden, who is in Berlin, paid a visit yesterday to the Empress of Germany. All the schools in Berlin and in Brandenburg have been closed in order to celebrate the German victory. The school children are being entertained to dinner and entertainments. — Central News.

DAY BY DAY.

BE OF GOOD COURAGE: THAT IS THE MAIN THING.—Thoreau.

The Weather.

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 70; fog.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 62; heavy fog.

Count the Columns.

Yesterday the *Telegraph* published 33 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 33 published.

The Mails.

Canadian and U. K. Mail.—Closes per s.s. Panama Maru tomorrow at 1 p.m.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Yingchow tomorrow at 3 p.m.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 93.16d.

Stolen Wood.

A sub-contractor from Kennedy Town reports the loss of \$80 worth of wood.

Naval Dance.

The Chief and First Class Petty Officers of the Navy are giving a dance in the Royal Naval Canteen on Friday.

Chinese Festival.

To-morrow, according to the Chinese calendar, is the festival of T'ien lung-tai, or Birthday of the Celestial Dragon.

K. C. C. Annual Dinner.

The annual dinner of the Kowloon Cricket Club is to be held at the Oriole Hotel, on Saturday, the 13th February.

Knocked Down by Gharri.

An old man from Yaumati has been sent to the hospital suffering from injuries sustained by being knocked down by a gharri.

Marine Officer's Loss.

Mr. K. Shaw, the chief engineer of the *Panama Maru*, has reported that some person has stolen from his cabin a silver watch valued at \$45.

Valuable Flowers Stolen.

Mr. Wu Lu-tong, of 16, Kennedy Road, has reported to the police that \$100 worth of endemiums have been stolen from his plant pots.

Watch and Chain Stolen.

The manager of the Hing Tai Hing, Connaught Road West, reports that someone has stolen his metal watch, valued \$10, and a gold chain valued at \$40.

Knocked Down by Tramcar.

A Chinese was knocked down by a tramcar in Des Vaux Road Central yesterday, and was removed to the hospital. The case is not regarded as a serious one.

Stole a Bowl.

A month's imprisonment and four hours' stocks was the sentence imposed on a Chinese, charged before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, with stealing a brass bowl.

Pilgrimage to Macao.

Hongkong Catholics intend making a pilgrimage to Macao on Easter Sunday to visit the grotto, similar to that at Lourdes, which the Bishop of Macao has had erected in the Portuguese Colony.

Motor Accident.

A Chinese has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of being knocked down by a motor car owned by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chupak, and driven by Kats Singh, in Des Vaux Road Central.

Light Extension.

Electric light has now been installed all the way along the road from Quarry Bay to Sha-kiwan. It has also been installed in the Police Station, and several shop-keepers have taken advantage of the service.

Not to be Tried Here.

At the Police Court, this morning, the three men charged in connection with an armed robbery at Sha-tau-kok, were brought before Mr. Wood, who sent them back to be tried by the District Magistrate at Taipo.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE GERMAN LOSSES.

Some Reflections on the Enemy's Resources in Men.

The latest telegrams to hand show that the Germans continue their policy of delivering fruitless attacks in both theatres of war, and that they are suffering severely in the process. The Russian communiqué speaks of the enemy's casualties as being colossal, while the Paris statement mentions that in one region alone numerous dead were left on the field. In both theatres the enemy has attempted surprise attacks, but none of these has turned to his advantage. Occasionally he gains a footing on fresh ground, but almost invariably he is immediately expelled with losses which, when reckoned on an individual attempt, are not great, but which, when taken in the aggregate over several days, must be a very serious drain on a warring army.

Calling Up Everybody.

The question as to how long Germany can stand these inroads on her military strength is often raised, and on that point it is worth while noticing some observations recently made by the military correspondent of the *Times*. Writing in the last week of the old year, he stated that it was apparently the intention of Germany, since her trained armies have failed to provoke a decision, to call up the whole manhood of the country, to set every available industry at work upon the manufacture of arms, ammunition and equipment, and to prepare in the Spring to crush the Allied armies or to perish in the attempt. He shows, by a careful analysis of figures, that the trained men are all used up, in the sense that there are but few more left for drafting, and he reckons that the total number of untrained men in process of incorporation and training must be put at four millions, or thereabouts. Many of these have already been placed in the field. As a whole, they are much inferior to the trained men in physique and constitution and the great majority are old; the youths under twenty are put at one million. From these facts we may deduce that the quality of the German troops will show a steady deterioration as the war goes on.

The Advantage With Us.

It is well to take due note of these developments, though, of course, we have no reason to fear a war of masses, because the population of the Allies is double that of the enemy, their resources are much greater, and their spirit is better. But victory in the field does not, as the authority quoted wisely observes, necessarily arise on account of the possession of masses of men or money. It depends upon a proper political direction of the war, upon the timely arrangement of appropriate military measures, and upon the concerted action of all parts of the Allied forces in a resolute and devastating offensive. It is evident that, in the opinion of the experts, the time for the assumption of such an offensive has not yet come. We are steadily building up our strength to that end, however. The task is a big one, for to end the war on our terms the Allies must be prepared, if necessary, to penetrate deeply into German territory, since it is declared that Germany will fight to the bitter end.

YESTERDAY'S FOG.

Steamers Held Up Outside Harbour.

The heavy fog which prevailed yesterday greatly interfered with shipping, and several steamers were held up outside the harbour in consequence. The s.s. Glenfallloch, which arrived this morning from Singapore, reports having had fine weather until within 50 miles of Hongkong, when a thick fog set in and the vessel had to anchor for 18 hours. The s.s. Yuensang, which arrived this morning from Manila, was also delayed 24 hours off Waglan by fog.

TRAINING NOTES.

Numerous Gallops this Morning.

Despite the wretched weather overnight and before daylight this morning, owners were disposed to send their ponies out, though, as was to be expected, galloping was confined to the inside course. It was thought that the course would be somewhat holding, but this was not the case to anything like the extent expected, and some very good times were recorded.

The attendance was moderate, though the contrary probably would have been the case had racing enthusiasts known how quickly the mist would clear from the valley and that the ponies could be seen without the slightest difficulty the whole of the way round.

The times were:—
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Beroda Chief 14m. (I); 38, 1-11, 1-44.
Amanra 1m. (I); —, —, 35 2/5, 1-10, 1-45 1/5.

Aldwyck 1m. (I); 36, 1-11, 1-44, 2-16 2/5, 1-4, 32 2/5.
Radium 14m. (I); 37, 1-15 4/5, 1-49 1/5.

Rosario 1m. (I); —, —, 35, 1-07 2/5.
Grayling 1m. (I); —, —, 37 1/5, 1-12 2/5, 1-44.

Triumphant Dahlia 1m. (I); 33 2/5, 1-07 3/5, 1-42, 2-15.
Sir Calidore 1m. (I); 38, 1-17, 2/5, 1-55, 2-27 3/5.

President 14m. (I); —, —, 34, 1-09 4/5, 1-49 3/5, 2-22 1/5.
English Chief 14m. (I); —, —, 35 2/5, 1-13 1/5, 1-49 4/5, 2-21.

Kokri 1m. (I); —, —, 35, 1-08 2/5, 1-43.
Jed 1m. (I); —, —, 34, 1-09, 1-42 2/5.

Bayard 14m. (I); —, —, 44, 1-22, 1-50 2/5, 2-31.
Coronet 1m. (I); 32 1/5, 1-05, 2/5, 1-39 2/5, 2-20.

Majestic Dahlia 1m. (I); 33 4/5, 1-07 2/5, 1-41 1/5, 2-13 3/5.
Irish Chief 1m. (I); 38, 1-17, 1-46, 2-17 2/5.

Lorenzo 1m. (I); 44 2/5, 1-19 1/5, 1-50 3/5.
Tinker 1m. (I); —, —, 1-07 2/5, 1-42 1/5, 2-17 4/5.

Canadian Chief 1m. (I); 35 5/5, 1-14, 1-49, 2-20 3/5.
Rachilli 14m. (I); 40 2/5, 1-18, 2/5, 1-56 3/5, 2-33, 3-08 2/5, 3-42, 4-14 1/5.

Loch Mabin 1 3/4 m. (I); 40 2/5, 1-18 2/5, 1-58 3/5, 2-33, 3-08 2/5, 3-42, 4-14 1/5.

Australian Chief 1m. (I); 37 2/5, 1-14, 1-48 2/5, 2-20.
Duke Dahlia 1m. (I); 34, 1-08, 1/5, 1-41 3/5, 2-13 1/5.

Danrobin 1m. (I); 33 1/5, 1-07, 2/5, 1-40 4/5.
Sunstar Dahlia 1m. (I); 41 2/5, 1-54 1/2, 2-30, 3-05 2/5, 3-39 2/5, 4-02 2/5.

Wild Cat 3/4 m. (I); 34, 1-07, 1-10 1/5, 1-45, 2-18.
Black Gem 1m. (I); 35 3/5, 1-10 1/5, 1-45, 2-18.

Joss Mighty 1 1/4 m. (I); 38 2/5, —, 1-48, 2-24 1/5, 2-57 3/5.
Thurston 1 1/4 m. (I); 38 2/5, —, 1-48 2/5, 2-24 1/5, 2-58 4/5.

Turpenite 1m. (I); —, —, 38, 1-08 3/5.
Britanno 1 1/4 m. (I); —, —, 38 1/5, 1-14, 1-49, 2-20 3/5.

Ampfield 2m. (I); —, —, —, —, 1-44 4/5.
Moffatt joined above for last three quarters.

Soldier, 41, 1-17, 1-53 3/5, 2-27 1/5, 2-57 3/5.
Neptune —, 1-13, 1-42 2/5.

Welsh Chief 14m. —, —, 39 3/5, 1-20, 1-55 3/5, 2-28.
Sir Galahad 35 3/5, 1-10 3/5, 1-46, 2-17, 1-41.

Ideal Dahlia 34 1/5, 1-10, 1-45, 2-19 1/5.
Flame Dahlia 34 1/5, 1-10, 1-45, 2-20.

Mascotte 14m. (I); 33 4/5, 1-09, 1-41.
Perfection Dahlia 1m. (I); 33, 1-08 2/5, 1-42 2/5, 2-14 1/5.

Corporation 38, 1-13, 1-48, 2-23 2/5.
Rooget 1m. 39, 1-19, 1-56, 2-28 3/5.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL.

Interesting Fixtures for Saturday

A splendid list of week-end fixtures has been arranged for football enthusiasts, the matches fixed for Saturday being:—
Hongkong Club v. Police (Shield Competition), Club ground.

R.E. v. Navy (U. S. League), Navy Ground, 4.15 p.m.; referee, Mr. E. Tyler.

St. Joseph's College v. Victoria Rovers, Navy Ground, 2.45 p.m.; referee, Mr. A. A. Wilson.

Diocesan v. Queen's College, Club Ground, 2.45 p.m.; referee, Mr. F. W. Esger.

St. Joseph's College have notified the following changes in their fixture list:—

Queen's College, for Thursday, February 11, Club Ground, 4.30 p.m.

University, from February 10 to February 17, Navy Ground, 4.15 p.m.

Victoria Rovers from 4.15 on Saturday to 2.45 same day.

One Club only has replied "No" to the question about the Div. II team for the Shield Competition; therefore it is proposed to agree to such reinstatements as may be necessary.

League Tables to Date.

Division I.

Club. P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
R.G.A. 6 3 0 3 10 5 9
Police 8 1 2 3 8 6 5
Club 6 2 3 1 5 6 5
Navy 6 1 2 3 2 0 5

Division II.

Lam Liong 4 1 0 11 6 8
Queen's
College 5 3 1 1 10 5 7
Confucians 5 2 2 1 11 7 5
St. Joseph's
College 2 2 0 0 6 0 4
Diocesan 3 1 1 2 5 3
Victoria R. 4 1 2 4 3 3
University 3 0 3 0 5 0
Lusitano 3 0 3 0 13 0

"THE GROTESQUES."

The attendance at the Theatre Royal last night, when "The Grotesques" again occupied the boards, was most satisfactory, and a rare evening's fun was served up by the little party. The first part of the programme was of a miscellaneous order, and the variety as well as the excellence of the turns delighted everybody present. All the members did good work, but perhaps special mention may be made of the contributions of Miss Lilian Gwynne and Mr. Arthur Argent, both of whom were in magnificent voice. Their duet, "A Summer Night," was most sympathetically given, while their solos were also faultlessly rendered. They were recalled again and again. In the second part of the programme, Mr. Hugh Baily made a great hit with his number, "Cosmopolitan Wives," and Mr. Fred Winn created roars of laughter by his turn "The first dark night," in which Mr. Ewart Scott was also largely concerned. The evening's entertainment concluded with a rollicking extravaganza entitled "The Telephone Belle," in which Mr. Fred Winn, as the telephone girl who took more than a passing interest in other people's concerns, was too funny for words.

Bijou Theatre.

At the Bijou Theatre to-night "The Comedian King" will begin a four-nights' engagement, producing ragtime parodies, patter and impersonation. A new set of war pictures will also be screened. Next Sunday Miss May Clarke, a popular mezzo-soprano who has had a very successful season in Shanghai, will make her debut here.

Carstairs 49 3/5, 1-38 1/5, 2-13 4/5, 2-50 1/5, 3-25 1/5, 4-00 2/5.
Ploughboy 49 3/5, 1-33 1/5, 2-13 4/5, 2-50 1/5, 3-25 1/5, 3-58 3/5.

Borneo Chief 3/4 m. (I); 34 2/5, 1-07, 1-41 3/5.
Belgian King 3/4 m. (I); 34 2/5, 1-07, 1-41 3/5.

Saxon Chief 1 1/4 m. (I); 40 3/5, 1-18 4/5, 1-55, 2-25 4/5.
New Zealand Chief 1 1/4 m. (I); 40 3/5, 1-18 4/5, 1-55, 2-25 4/5.

Liberty Dahlia 1m. (I); 33 1/5, 1-08 2/5, 1-41 3/5, 2-14 4/5.
Apothecary 38 1/5, 1-12 4/5, 1-47 2/5, 2-22, 2-57 2/5.

Tailor 39 1/5, 1-18, 1-52 1/5, 2-25.

COMPANY REPORT.

The Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.

The report of the above Company, for presentation to the shareholders at the tenth ordinary annual meeting, to be held at the Company's office, on Tuesday, the 9th February, 1915, at 11.30 a.m. states:—

The General Managers have now the pleasure to submit their annual report and statement of the Company's accounts made up to 31st December, 1914.

The net profits for the year ended 31st December, 1914, after allowing for Consulting Committee's Auditor's fees, amount to \$58,048.03.

The General Managers recommend the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent, which will absorb \$27,723.00, with a \$19,800.00 from the value of the waterboats, \$800.00 from investments, \$400.00 from the value of pipes and staging, and carry forward a balance of \$9,325.03 to the new account.

Consulting Committee:—Since the last meeting Mr. C. A. Tomes has resigned, and Mr. R. Shewan has joined the Committee.

Auditor:—The accounts under review have been audited by Mr. A. O'D. GOURDIN.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1915.

Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1914.

LIABILITIES.

Share Capital.

Authorised—
50,000 shares of
\$10 each, \$500,000

Issued—

\$7,723 shares of
\$10 each fully
paid ... \$277,230.00

Sundry Creditors ... 3,791.60

Unclaimed Dividends ... 1,932.35

Special Repairs Account ... 11,958.18

Insurance Fund ... 17,000.00

Unused Launch Water
Tickets ... 194.49

Profit and Loss Account, Balance ... 58,048.03

\$370,152.85

Assets.

Waterboats as per last
account ... \$180,000.00

Less amount written
off ... 28,000.00

\$152,000.00

Less Sale of No. 8
Waterboat ... 3,000.00

149,000.00

Pipes and Staging as
per last account ... \$7,600.00

Less amount written
off ... 400.00

7,200.00

Shares as per last
account ... \$44,121.00

Less amount written
off ... 1,500.00

42,621.00

Furniture ... 206.00

Cash in Bank and in
Hand ... 25,072.38

Hongkong Bank ... 131,000.00

Fixed Deposit ... 500.00

Hongkong Government
Deposit ... 6,308.89

Sundry Debtors ... 7,120.00

New Waterboat ... 112.07

Proposition of an
expired Licence ... 111.31

Stock of Hore, etc. ... \$370,152.85

Profit and Loss Account:

To Consulting Committee's Fees ... 600.00

To Auditor's Fee ... 100.00

To Balance ... 58,048.03

\$58,748.03

By Balance from last
account ... 190.80

By Interest ... 4,957.70

By Dividends on
shares ... 2,560.18

By Transfer Fees ... 38.00

By Profit on Trading
for the year ... 51,011.27

\$58,748.03

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,

General Managers.

I report that I have audited the
above Balance Sheet with the
Books and Vouchers of the Company
in Hongkong and that in my opinion
such Balance Sheet is properly drawn
up so as to

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VICE-ADMIRAL JERRAM.

INTERESTING FUNCTION AT SINGAPORE.

Presentation of K.C.B. Insignia.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, February 3.

His Excellency the Governor has presented the Insignia of the Knight Commander of the Bath to Rear Admiral Jerram, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, which was conferred on him on January 1.

Rear Admiral Jerram was supported by Major General Roderic, and the present included distinguished naval officers of the Adia and many others.

THE WINDING-UP PETITION.

Was the Statutory Meeting Held?

This morning, in the Supreme Court, before the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., the case was resumed concerning a petition for the winding-up of the Yue Hing Co. The company is concerned in the opium trade and was registered under the Hongkong Companies' Ordinance under which the proceedings for winding-up are being taken.

Mr. McNeill (of Shanghai) and Mr. F. O. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Crow, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, appeared for the petitioners, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. C. E. H. Davis, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the opposition to the petition.

Mr. McNeill, continuing his opening from yesterday, detailed important matters in connection with the affairs of the company. He said that one of the grounds for winding-up the company was that the statutory meeting of the company had never been held. The other side claimed that it had, and that notices had been printed and sent out calling the meeting and that as well. The reply of the petitioners to that was that the notices were not issued and the notices, copies of which were produced by the respondents, had in fact been printed seven months after the date on which the meeting was alleged to have been held. In connection with this, it was pointed out that the account of the printer who was alleged to have printed the notices did not in an entry relative to some printing which was done before the meeting, and which the respondent claimed were the notices convening the same. But it was claimed by the petitioners that the account had been altered to make it look as though it did refer to these notices at some time after the account had been inspected by Mr. Crow, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings.

The Court was then occupied with a long argument on a point raised by the respondent's counsel as to the admissibility of much of the evidence.

Received Commissions.

Mr. R. W. Wingrove and Mr. H. Martin, who left Shanghai with the first contingent of British volunteers, have received commissions in the Royal Field Artillery. Mr. Alister Campbell has, we understand, been recommended for a commission in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 31st December, 1914, according to the best of my information and the explanations given and as shown by the Books of the Company. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Auditor.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1915.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

A QUESTION OF PERSONALITY.

(To the Editor, of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—Referring to your most interesting leaderette of a few days ago regarding the anniversary of the death of King Charles the First, may I venture a mild criticism of your statement that "the British schoolboy as a rule has no use for Cromwell." I think that such might apply to those school boys of the Tweed, but, from my experience, the average Scotch schoolboy, through biased teaching, has, on the other hand, no particular love for the Stuart. It is only when he reaches maturity that he discovers, to quote your own words, "that they cannot have been quite so bad as their enemies have represented them." Scotch history, as taught in Scotland to-day, is certainly far from being accurate, for, as in the case of the period dealing with Mary Stuart, we find that the time, incidents and colouring are largely borrowed from writers who were contemporary but opposed in many ways to the conduct and policy of that unfortunate Queen. Protestantism in those days was intelligently narrow, colourless to a degree and gruff in its ways. Perhaps much of our sympathy towards the Stuarts is due to the fact that we have reached an age which enables us to think for ourselves and now live in times of broad-minded tolerance. As you remark, however, romance sometimes pulls harder than cold practicality. Again, take the case of Mary Stuart, who may be cited as a Stuart whose conduct has caused much controversy regarding her royal vices and virtues and in studying her shortcomings we find the clue to the answer to your question as to the peculiar charm that was in her family.

In my opinion, it is nothing more or less than sheer personality that makes the average stolid Scotsman her advocate. Mary was said to have been the most beautiful woman of her day. Much has been written about the yellow locks and the creamy complexion. From existing portraits, however, we cannot find much to rave about; but, on the other hand, she might have proved her painters more duffers. But it is not with her dimly disappearing portraits that we associate the name of Mary Queen of Scots. Perhaps it is romance that makes us see the glow in the printed and pictured book. Of course, the fascination of personality depends as much on the period as on the person. One might almost say that the pathos of the fascination of historical personages is more or less a poetical reflection of their temporary influence, depending largely on the romantic strangeness of dress and customs, on the shading out of the contradictions of actuality and the legendary accretions that in time become an indistinguishable from ascertainable reality as sunset clouds from distant mountains. We cannot, therefore, reconcile the possibility of exchanging our own ideal notion of any historical personage for an actual uncompromising

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impression. Think of the shock of meeting Cleopatra in a tea room! Ourselves, dusky, glittering cream of Egyptian passion would give place to the impression of a swarthy, over-dressed hysterical hag.

It is, therefore, the personality of the Stuart which again in our mind's eye places them on the throne. We see their history through the softened gloom of unlawful punishment and unrighteous death. Their enemies blighted their prospects; they tried to obscure their reputation; and in several cases doomed them to distraction; but one thing they did not do, and which even to-day they cannot do—they cannot quell the magic of their personality. In his own subject, I grant you, sentiment should find no place, but feelings of compassion are no incompatible with our zeal for historical truth. If we must abjure poetry and pity, prejudice should go by the board also.

Yours, etc.,
DUNSCORE.

Hongkong, February 3, 1915.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 8th February, to SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1915, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

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N. J. STABB,
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Hongkong, 3rd February, 1915.

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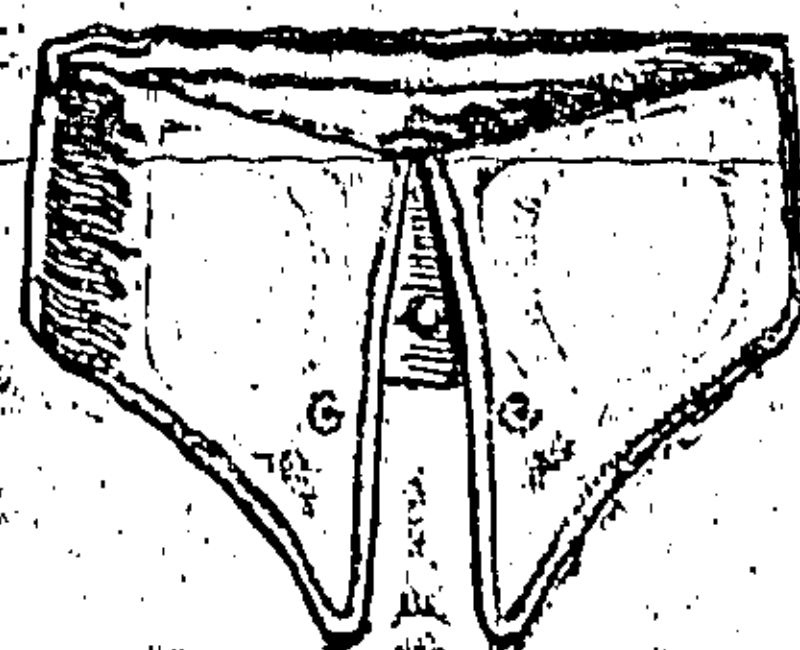
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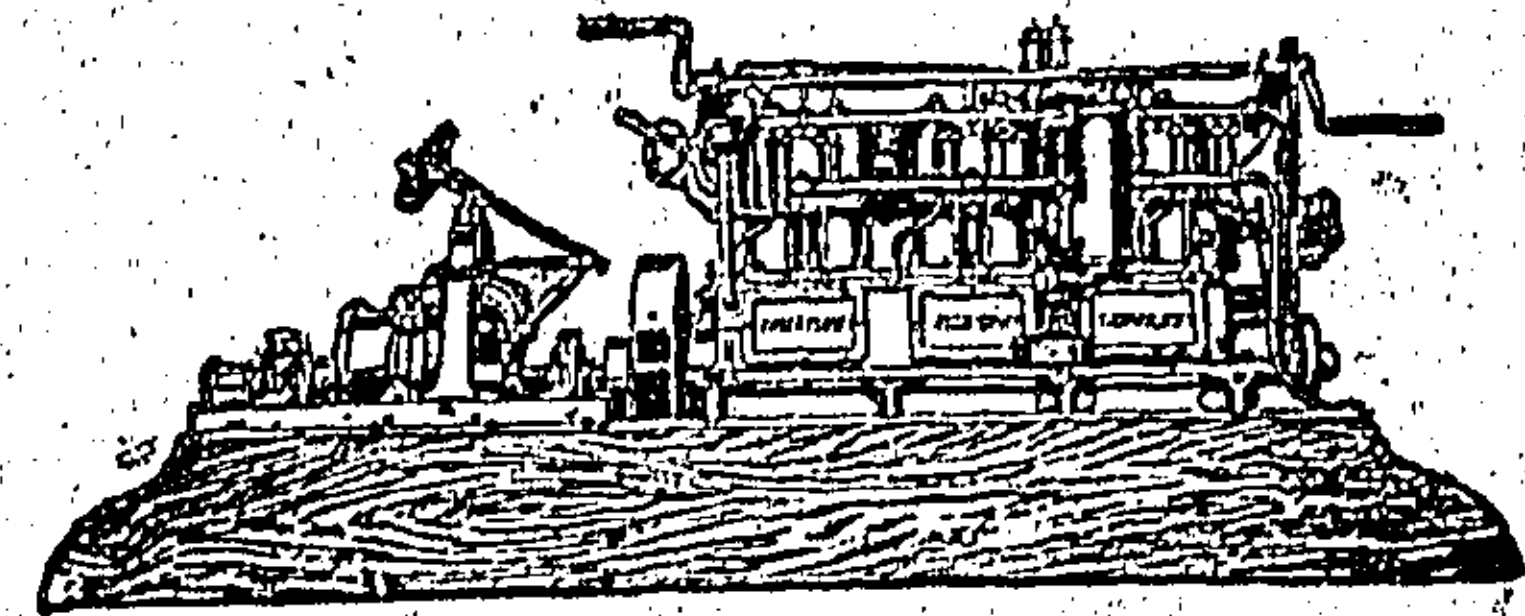
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Via, B.C., T'ma via K'lung, Japan	Panama M.	O. S. K.	4, Feb.
New York via Ports & Suez Canal	Chinese P.	S. T. Co.	5, Feb.
V'toria, B.C., & S'tie via S'hai &c.	Sado M.	N. Y. K.	9, Feb.
San F'isco via M'la & Japan &c.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	9, Feb.
San F'isco via S'hai & Japan &c.	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	17, Feb.
Via, B.C., T'ma via M'la & Japan	Seattle M.	O. S. K.	23, Feb.
Vancouver via S'hai & Japan &c.	Montesgle	C. P. R.	24, Feb.
New York via Panama	Royal P.	B. L. L.	24, Feb.
San Francisco and San Pedro	M. S. Dollar	R. D. Co.	1, Mar.
San F'ee via Manila & Japan &c.	Persia	P. M. Co.	2, Mar.

AUSTRALIA.

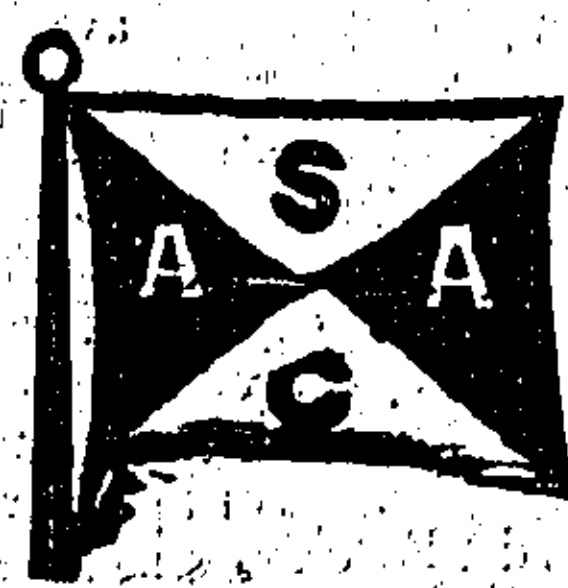
Australian Ports	Empire	G. L. Co.	8, Feb.
Australian Ports via Manila	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	12, Feb.
Australian Ports	Aldenharn	G. L. Co.	19, Feb.

SINGAPORE, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Kobe & Yokohama	Laisang	J. M. Co.	3, Feb.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Umta	D. S. Co.	4, Feb.
Ningpo and Shanghai	Ichang	B. & S.	4, Feb.
Kobe and Yokohama	Mishima	N. Y. K.	6, Feb.
Bombay via S'pore, Port S'ham,	Java Maru	O. S. K.	6, Feb.
Penang & Colombo	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	6, Feb.
Shanghai & Kobe	Nagasaki	N. Y. K.	9, Feb.
Shanghai & Kobe	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	9, Feb.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Chuli	M. M.	9, Feb.
Shanghai	Malta	P. & O.	12, Feb.
Shanghai & Kobe	Kawachi	N. Y. K.	15, Feb.
Bombay via S'pore & Colombo	Jinsen	N. Y. K.	16, Feb.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Y'hama	Namur	P. & O.	20, Feb.
Shanghai & Kobe	Rangoon	N. Y. K.	20, Feb.
Singapore, Mauritius & South	Salamis	B. L. L.	End Feb.
African Ports	Ti'panas	J. C. J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Ti'panas	J. C. J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Ti'panas	J. C. J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Ti'panas	J. C. J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Ti'panas	J. C. J. L.	Q. desp.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Ti'panas	J. C. J. L.	Q. desp.
Java	Ti'panas	J. C. J. L.	S. half O.
Japan	Ti'panas	J. C. J. L.	F. half D.

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MOVEMENTS OF
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AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. s.s. MONGOLIA sailed from Yokohama on Wednesday, January 27, via Manila, for Hongkong. The mails have been transferred to the s.s. CORDILLERE, of the Messageries Maritimes Line, which is scheduled to arrive at Hongkong on February 5.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The T. R. K. s.s. TENYO MARU will next leave for San Francisco, via usual ports, on Tuesday, 13th April, at noon.

The E. & A. s.s. ST. ALBANS left Sydney for this port via Queensland Ports and Manila, on 27th inst. and may be expected to arrive here on or about 18th February.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Yuepaang, Br. s.s. 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 20th ult., Manila, 17th ult., Gen.—J. M. & Co.	
Ti'panas, Dut. s.s. 2,444, A. Lange, 22nd ult., Amoy, 10th ult. Ballast—J. C. J. L.	
Telomachus, Br. s.s. 1,350, A. Fraser, 23rd ult., Saigon, 18th ult., Gen.—Chinese.	
Nippon Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,469, K. Hashimoto, 25th January—Shanghai, 22nd Jan., Gen.—T. K. K.	
Radnorshire, Br. s.s. 1,699, Willats, 25th Jan.—Manila, 22nd Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.	
Iashin Maru, Jap. s.s. 921, R. Minagawa, 28th Jan.—Takau, 26th Jan., Gen.—Chinese.	
Chinhua, Br. s.s. 1,331, Finlayson, 26th Jan.—Manila, 26th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.	
Chiyuen, Chi. s.s. 1,177, Ross, 30th Jan.—Shanghai, 27th Jan., Gen.—Q. M. S. N. Co.	
Cheongsing, Br. s.s. 1,259, C. Liddell, 30th Jan.—Tientsin, 25th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.	
Rubi, Am. s.s. 1,409, J. Miller, 29th Jan.—Saigon, 25th Jan., Gen.—Order.	
Eado Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,632, A. Nakawa, 31st Jan.—Shanghai, 28th Jan., Gen.—N. Y. K.	
Iohang, Br. s.s. 1,228, Piko, 30th Jan.—Hongay, 21st Jan., Coal—B. & S.	
Takaang, Br. s.s. 2,987, McClure, 31st Jan.—Hollow, 30th Jan., Gen. and Rice—J. M. & Co.	
Haiyo Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,594, T. Nakamura, 31st Jan.—Klinghorn, 27th Jan., Salt—D. & Co.	
Umta, Br. s.s. 8,453, T. P. Paul, 1st inst.—Saigon, 27th ult., Gen.—D. S. & Co.	
Ti'panas, Dut. s.s. 3,510, A. W. La Rooy, 1st inst.—Java, 23rd ult., Gen.—J. C. J. L.	
Bayarin, Rus. s.s. 1,650, G. Balding, 1st inst.—Haiphong, 23rd ult., Gen.—Chinese.	
Anyo Maru, Jap. s.s. Ota, 1st inst.—Moji, 2nd ult., Coal & Gen.—T. K. K.	
Taiwan Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,145, H. Sakai, 1st inst.—Hongay, 23rd ult., Coal—M. B. K.	
Zafiro, Am. s.s. 1,403, N. Venturini, 1st inst.—Saigon, 28th ult., Rice—Order.	
Singan, Br. s.s. 1,000, Trowbridge, 1st inst.—Haiphong, Gen.—B. & S.	
Walshing, Br. s.s. 1,395, M. Pickhill, 1st inst.—Hollow, 31st ult., Rice & Gen.—J. M. & Co.	

TIDE TABLE.

1st Feb. to 7th Feb. 1915.

Day	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
1st Feb.	11 11	5 11	11 11	5 11
2nd Feb.	11 11	5 11	11 11	5 11
3rd Feb.	11 11	5 11	11 11	5 11
4th Feb.	11 11	5 11	11 11	5 11
5th Feb.	11 11	5 11	11 11	5 11
6th Feb.	11 11	5 11	11 11	5 11
7th Feb.	11 11	5 11	11 11	5 11

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Patent Slip, No. 4 Kowloon	140'	18'	10'	18"
TAI-KOK-TSUI	140'	18'	10'	18"
Competition Dock	140'	18'	10'	18"
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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. EXTRA

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1915.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

FRENCH REPORTS ON THE FIGHTING.

GERMANS WEAKENED IN ARGONNE.

(Havas Telegrams.)

Feb. 2, 6.20 p.m.

French Government Stock now stands at Fr. 73 75.
January 31 was a very calm day but there was artillery fighting which was peculiarly effective in the northern region.
South-east of Ypres we stopped a German attack against our trenches north of the Canal.
On the Aisne front we destroyed shelter trenches, and machine guns and at several points silenced the enemy's artillery.
In Argonne calm prevailed nearly all day.
The Germans in this region seem to have sustained very heavy losses in previous battles.
In Woivre, Lorraine and the Vosges there is nothing to be reported.
(Official Telegram from the French Government, via Peking).
On January 31 in the northern region there was lively artillery fighting. The German attempts to deliver an attack were immediately stopped.
French batteries succeeded in obtaining a very accurate range on all the Aisne front, causing great damage to the enemy, the guns were peculiarly accurate and effective.
The French consolidated their positions in Mesnil-lez-Marais, around a wood taken up the day before.
In Argonne calm prevailed, the Germans seeming to have sustained very heavy losses and being considerably weakened.

VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

Orders issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H. K. V. R., state:—
The three Companies of the Reserve will in future be styled A, B and C, instead of 1, 2 and 3 respectively.
Parade.—A, B and C Companies will parade on the Cricket Ground on Friday February 5th at 5.15 p.m. Drill Order.
Field Day.—On Sunday February 7th A, B and C Companies will parade on the Cricket Ground at 8 a.m. Dress, marching order. Water-bottles to be filled and food carried in the haversack. Members residing in Kowloon will fall in at the Kowloon Ferry Wharf at 8.30 a.m. and the Senior N.C.O. or Private will take the names of those present (care being taken to state initials and company). Members residing at Tai-po should arrange to join at Fanling. Signallers detailed for duty as such will not carry rifles. It will not be possible to leave over-coats at Fanling Station.
Sick parades.—During the absence from the Colony of Capt. G. D. R. Black, from February 3 to 20 inclusive, Lieut. J. T. Smalley will attend at Volunteer Headquarters daily from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
N. C. O.'s class of instruction.—These parades will in future be optional for:—Sergts. O. W. Bawick and W. Badger, Corpals. W. H. Prowse and G. O. Moxon, Lieut. Opl. G. M. Smith, A. B. Bryson, W. E. Ford, L. N. Lee, O. C. Hickling, J. Olson, J. A. Lyon, J. W. O. Bonnar, A. Lambden, J. W. Denkin, and H. G. White. The O. C. trusts that all N. C. O.'s will continue to do everything in their power to increase their efficiency, and this can best be done by their continuing to attend these classes whenever possible.
Marketry.—The attention of members is drawn to the Miniature Rifle Club of which Pte. A. G. Coppin is Hon. Secretary. Very valuable experience can be obtained with little inconvenience and at small cost. Members are also reminded that given on Tuesday, February 9th.

CURIOUS SITUATION.

Lawyer says Wrong Man was Sued.

In the Summary Court, this morning, Chiu Kue sued. Lo Ngai-po and Lo Sai-po for work done and materials supplied, and also \$1,083 on similar grounds, the sum of \$83 having been waived.
Mr. Shepton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Dacan and Harston, appeared for the plaintiff and, Mr. Russ (Mr. J. H. Gardiner) for the defendants.
Mr. Russ contended that the plaintiff had sued before the correct date and had also sued the wrong man.
Mr. Shepton said the plaintiff stopped doing the work because he could not get any money.
Plaintiff said he had done about \$700 or \$800 worth of work when he stopped. He had only received \$120.
His Lordship gave judgment for the defendants with costs on the first claim, and judgment for the plaintiff with costs on the second claim on the amount agreed upon.

Calcutta Boy Scouts' Instructor Killed.

The Englishman reports that the Calcutta Boy Scouts have suffered another loss at the front in the death of their late popular Drill Instructor, Sergeant Chaytor White, of the Black Watch, who has been killed in action.

two targets on the King's Park Range are available for practice, free of charge, every evening (Saturdays & Sundays excepted) from 4 p.m. onwards. The mark-ers are always in attendance on the range and ammunition can be purchased from Sergt. Major Higby.

Postings.—Pte. A. R. Lowe to Coy. C, Sec. 3; Pte. S. Lick to Coy. C, Sec. 3; Pte. A. K. McIntosh to Coy. C, Engineer Section, Pte. A. B. Ramsey to Coy. C, Engineer Section.
Officers' Class of Instruction.—A lecture on Battalion Drill will be given on Tuesday, February 9th.

COMPANY REPORT.

The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.

The twenty-sixth report of the Board of Directors of the above Company, to the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's offices, Victoria Buildings, at noon on Wednesday, the 16th February, 1915, states:—
The directors now submit to you a statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1914.

The balance of Profit and Loss Account for the year, including \$1,822.60 balance brought forward from last account, after writing off all charges and expenses, amounts to \$20,628.80. The directors recommend that a dividend of \$3 per share be paid, which, after providing for directors' and auditor's fees, will leave a balance of \$2,078.80 to be carried to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.
Directors.—Messrs. T. F. Hough and J. Rodger now retire by rotation, and offer themselves for re-election.
Auditor.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. A. O. Hynes who now retires and offers himself for re-election.

T. F. HOUGH,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1915.

Balance Sheet.	
Liabilities.	
Paid up Capital	180,000.00
Accounts Payable	287.85
Dividends Outstanding	445.00
Balance of Profit and Loss A/c	20,628.80
	\$201,361.45
Assets.	
Cost of Property	183,752.05
Cash	14,009.70
Accounts Receivable	3,608.80
	\$201,361.45

Profit and Loss Account.	
To Charges, ...	513.30
To Repairs, ...	2,311.07
To Fire Insurance, ...	535.37
To Crown Rent, ...	786.00
To Commission to Agents, ...	1,427.43
To Balance to be appropriated as follows:—	
By Undivided Profits 1913, ...	\$1,822.60
" Rent, ...	24,213.00
" Interest, ...	164.44
" Strip Fees, ...	14.00
Directors' Fees, ...	\$26,202.03
Auditor's Fee, ...	50.00
Dividend of \$3.00 per share, ...	18,000.00
To be carried to New Profit and Loss Account, ...	2,078.80
	20,628.80
	\$26,202.03

T. F. HOUGH, Directors.
A. RODGER,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.
Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.

I report that I have audited the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Company in Hongkong and that in my opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 31st December, 1914, according to the best of my information and the explanations given me, and as shown by the Books of the Company.

I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

A. C. HYNES,
Auditor.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1915.

DAY BY DAY.

Anglican Service at Macao.
The Archdeacon of Hongkong will conduct a service on Sunday next at 11 a.m. in the British Church, Macao. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion, and visitors and residents are cordially invited.

The Coal Case.
At the Police Court, this afternoon, Mr. Shepton, for the prosecution, concluded his case against the two Chinese charged with the unlawful possession of briquettes, the property of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company. The case was proceeding as we went to press.

Artists Arrive.
Mr. M. H. Kenyon Slade and Miss Irene Delmar, who perform as "The McClements," have arrived in the Colony, and open at the Victoria Theatre to-night. Judging from the press reports, the two artists have had an immense success during a long tour in India, and they are now on their way to England, playing, en route, at Shanghai, the Japanese ports, Honolulu and San Francisco. They will appear in duets and comedy sketches, and Miss Delmar will, during her stay here, perform her sensational Greek Slave dance.

Latest Advertisements.
The Hongkong Cigar Company has taken over the business formerly known as Kruse and Co.—Page 5.

The Italian Grand Opera Company opens a season at the Theatre Royal on the 15th inst.—Page 5.

Messrs. Gande, Price and Co. advertise spacious godowns to let.—Page 5.

The Spanish Dominican Procuration advertises houses to let in Kowloon.—Page 5.

A furnish four-roomed flat is advertised to let by Mr. W. M. Humphreys.—Extra.

The half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation takes place on the 20th inst.—Page 5.

WAR ITEMS.

Foochow Youth in the Casualty List.
Amongst the casualties to the London Scottish on Nov. 13 near Ypres was Ronald E. MacKenzie Richards, only son of the late F. E. Richards, Foochow, and of Mrs. Richards, of Hendon. Young Richards was only 19 years of age.

"We Humbly Receive Fortune and Misfortune."
Berlin, Dec. 15.

Main Headquarters reports as follows:—"With regard to the sinking of the East Asiatic quadruped, President of the Reichstag Kampf sent a telegram to the Kaiser wherein he states that the entire population knows itself to be one with the Kaiser in its sorrow and grief for the loss of so many promising human lives, but also in its admiration and pride in their glorious, heroic death. A nation which produces such heroes may unflinchingly face even the heaviest blows with unbroken courage and be sure of the victory."

"The Kaiser replied:—May the heavy sacrifices which we are forced to make in this battle for our existence be borne by all of us as a single man, supported by the unshaken hope that God our Lord, from Whose gracious Hand we humbly receive fortune and misfortune, joy and sorrow, will turn even the most difficult hour into a blessing for the nation and the Fatherland."—German Wire- less.

MILK PROSECUTIONS.

A SERIOUS CASE.

Tinned Skimmed Milk Sold as Milk.

Before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, Cheung To-Sang, the master of the Cheung, Cheong shop, was prosecuted for unlawfully selling a tin of skimmed milk to a person who asked for milk. Tsu Yuk-nam, 14, Queen Victoria Street, was also charged with selling a tin of milk without the label it should have borne according to law, stating that it was unfit for children under one year. There was a second summons for selling tinned skimmed milk as milk.

Mr. Hodgson, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution.

His Worship at first said he would not take the cases to-day.

The second defendant said there was no label on the tin, but there was one on the outside wrapper.

Mr. Hodgson:—Well, the Ordinance says it must be on the tin and not on the wrapper. The authorities regard the matter of selling skimmed milk as milk as very serious. It is serious for Chinese women with children if they think they are getting milk and they are only getting skimmed milk.

Defendant said his foki sold the skimmed milk for milk by mistake.

A fine of \$10 was imposed in each case.

The first defendant put forward a similar plea, that a foki had sold the skimmed milk by mistake.

He was also fined \$10.

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The Hongkong Cigar Store.

The entire stock, fittings and fixtures of the tobacco shop at the corner of Hongkong Hotel Mansions, have been purchased by a British firm. The new owners have taken up agencies for the best-known cigar and tobacco houses and will run the business on entirely up-to-date lines. Fresh stocks of cigarettes, cigars and tobacco have been imported and everything smokers require will be on sale. The new firm is trading under the style of "The Hongkong Cigar Store" and will have the sole agency locally for the well-known Imperio del Mundo brand of cigars and for Valadiz Cigars, Prince and other cigarettes.

The storing of cigars is an all-important question in a climate like ours, and of this a special point will be made. Cigars will be specially packed in air-tight cases and no buyers will have to fear either dampness, or the one hand, or undue dryness on the other. Pipe smokers will find at the Cigar Store all the recognised brands of tobacco, many of which are not stocked elsewhere. Altogether one may with tolerable confidence predict an all-round success for the new concern.

THE CHINESE PLAY.

The tickets for the forthcoming Chinese play at Queen's College in aid of the Prince of Wales' Fund have already been all sold. Mr. Ho Tang, however, by dint of sending along a hundred-dollar note and not asking for any change was able to get an extra chair put in for himself. The President of the Queen's College A. D. C. informs us that he thinks he could still squeeze in a few extra chairs on similar terms.

Last night a dress rehearsal took place, being very largely attended. The play was splendidly performed, and everything promises a big success for tomorrow and the following nights. His Excellency the Governor will attend the performance on Friday and will arrive at the College at 9.30 p.m.

HOME FOOTBALL.

The Christmas Matches.

(Our Special Correspondent)

London, January 1.

Holiday football usually brings about a bewildering upheaval of form, but rarely has the game been in such a topsy turvy state as during Christmas. There is a fresh reason every year for the "wrong" results; on this occasion it was said to be the disquieting influence of the war. That may have been so, for both play and players seemed strangely out of tune with the surrounding quietude which prevailed. Moreover, it was bad weather and you know how freakish are the happenings when men have to perform in heavy mud with a ball that soon has the "life" soaked out of it.

Some of the results are beyond all explanation. Take the case of Aston Villa. On Christmas day they went to Blackburn and beat the champions. Next day they suffered the heaviest defeat they have ever experienced on their own ground, and this, too, at the hands of a team, Bolton Wanderers, who have been competing with Tottenham Hotspur for the record of goals lost. Tottenham Hotspur achieved a performance almost as sensational when they defeated Sheffield Wednesday. Never before had they obtained as many as six goals in a League contest and Blues set up another club record in scoring four. When Newcastle and Sunderland meet one is more or less prepared for the unexpected, but all other surprises were outdone on this occasion when the United lost by five goals to two on their own ground and on the next day were successful at Sunderland by 4-2. There were three clubs, however, who refused to have the even tenor of their way broken. Oldham, Manchester City and Everton, each gaining three points as a result of two low-scoring matches. The result has been to place Oldham firmly at the top of the First League table. Readers of this review will be prepared for their prominence, for even during the all-successful days of Manchester City it was suggested that they were the best team of the season, and that they would begin the New Year as favourites for the championship. That is how they are regarded now and when the Cup-ties begin a fortnight hence they will be feared by all their rivals.

First League Results.

The Christmas Day matches resulted as follows:—

Blackburn R...	1
Aston Villa ...	2
Bolton W. ...	0
Liverpool ...	1
Bradford ...	1
Oldham ...	1
Chelsea ...	0
Manchester City ...	0
Everton ...	1
Bradford City ...	1
Newcastle U. ...	2
Sunderland ...	5
Sheffield W. ...	3
Tottenham H. ...	2
Burnley ...	0
West Bromwich ...	2
Middlesbrough ...	1
Notts County ...	0

The Boxing day results were:—

Aston Villa ...	1
Bolton Wanderers ...	7
Bradford City ...	0
Everton ...	1
Liverpool ...	1
Manchester United ...	1
Manchester City ...	2
Chelsea ...	1
Notts County ...	5
Middlesbrough ...	1
Oldham ...	6
Bradford ...	2

Sheffield United	1
Blackburn Rovers	2
Sunderland	2
Newcastle United	4
Tottenham Hotspur	6
Sheffield Wednesday	1
West Bromwich Alb.	3
Burnley	0
On Monday, December 28th, the following matches were played:—	
Chelsea	1
Burnley	4
Sheffield United	1
Notts County	0

Positions of the Clubs.

	F.W.D.L.	F.A.	Goals.
Oldham A.B.	19	12	5
Manchester C.	19	10	6
Everton	20	10	5
Blackburn R.	20	11	6
Sheffield W.	20	10	5
Bradford C.	20	8	7
W. Bromwich	20	4	7
Aston Villa	19	8	6
Bradford	19	9	8
Sunderland	19	9	1
Sheffield U.	19	7	5
Burnley	20	7	4
Middlesbrough	19	5	8
Newcastle U.	20	6	9
Bolton W.	21	7	12
Liverpool	20	5	9
Chelsea	20	4	7
Tottenham H.	20	5	11
Manchester U.	18	3	9
Notts C.	20	6	11

Second League.

Form was not so contrary in the Second League and nothing happened to disturb materially the placings of the clubs striving for promotion. Derby County dropped only one point out of a possible six, whilst Huddersfield, the Arsenal, Birmingham and Bristol City gained all that they competed for. Birmingham's feat in winning three matches being a particularly fine one and responsible for their advance. There is still nothing like certainty as to the two clubs likely to move up to the First League, but Derby, who made a sorry descent last season, are favourites for one of the positions. It is a little curious that of the five clubs mentioned as possessing the best chances only Huddersfield have not at some time or other held first class rank.

The Southern League.

Millwall ought to be at the top of the Southern League despite the fact that once more they failed to do themselves justice on their own ground in only drawing with Crystal Palace. They made some amend on Boxing Day, and their bad luck came on Monday when their match with Queen's Park Rangers was abandoned three and a half minutes from time owing to bad light, when they were holding a lead of a goal to nil. The two points which Millwall deserved to win from that match would have placed them at the top of the list for the first time of the season in front of Reading. The latter had two storm tactics with the champions and both at home and at Seadon the result was a draw. It is hard to say whether Reading or Millwall will win the championship, but at the moment all other teams appear to be shut out of the possibility of gaining the honours of the season.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.
The s.s. BENVENUE from Leith, Middlesbrough and London left Singapore on the 2nd inst. for this Port, and is expected to arrive here on or about 8th inst.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO LET.

TO LET.—A furnished 4 roomed flat at the Peak for 6 months. Address W. MEYRICK HUMPHREYS, 55 The Peak.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

AUCTIONEER, SHARE &
GENERAL BROKERTHE Undersigned has received
instructions to sell by Public
Auction onFRIDAY,
the 5th February, 1915, com-
mencing at 11 a.m. at his
Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.
A Large Quantity of Serge &
Tweed Suit Lengths.
On view from Thursday, the
4th February.
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

NOTICES.

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SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,
Hongkong.To the
OWNERS OF DOMESTIC
BUILDINGS.TAKE NOTICE that under No.
5 of the DOMESTIC
CLEANLINESS AND VENTILA-
TION BY-LAWS (as amended),
every Domestic Building or part
of such Building within the
WESTERN Division of the City
of Victoria, occupied by Mem-
bers of more than one family,
except those within the European
Reservation or those parts of
a Domestic Building used as a
Shop, Office or Godown, must be
CLEANSED and LIMEWASH-
ED THROUGHOUT by the
owners during the months of
February and March.N.B.—The word "throughout"
used in this Notice means that
the Houses should be Limewash-
ed in respect of all the Walls of
each Room, all Cubicles, Partitions,
Stair Casings and Stair
Linings, all Ceilings and the
Undersides of Roofs in Main
Buildings, Offices and Servants'
Quarters and inclusive of Veran-
dahs.The Backyard must have its
Containing Walls limewashed up
to the level of the First Floor.
Carved, Painted or Polished
Woodwork in good condition,
however, need not be Limewash-
ed, but must be Cleaned.The Western Division of the
City lies to the West of Tank
Lane and Cleverly Street.W. BOWEN ROWLANDS,
Secretary.

Dated this 1st February, 1915.

THEATRE ROYAL, QUEEN'S
COLLEGE.In aid of
THE PRINCE OF WALES'
FUND.Under the Patronage of H.E.
the Governor.On February 4th, 5th and 6th the
Chinese Members of the Amateur
Dramatic Club of Queen's College
will present, in the College Hall,
A CHINESE PLAY.The performance will begin at
7.30 p.m. Tickets, of the nominal
value of one dollar, may be
obtained on application to the
Hon. Sec., Q.C.A.D.C.Through the generosity of
friends, both European and
Chinese, practically the whole
of the proceeds of the subscrip-
tions and the sale of tickets will
be available for the Fund.

NEW MACAO HOTEL.

NOTICE.

Take notice that on and after
the 1st day of February, 1915, the
management of the above Hotel
will be carried on by L. W. Mak
in place of O. C. Moosa, and all
future correspondence and orders
must be signed by the said L. W.
Mak.NEW MACAO HOTEL,
Macao.

Macao, 1st February, 1915.

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From the Savoy Theatre, London. In addition to a full musical
programme of solo and concerted numbers, the Company will play
the undermentioned Extravaganzas on the following dates:—

Wed. 3 Feb.—"THE TELEPHONE BELLE."

Thursday & Friday 4 & 5 Feb.—"THE MAYOR'S MATINEE."

Saturday, February 6.

Special Programme; particulars will be announced later.

Please note that on each change of performance the entire
musical programme is also changed.

Prices \$3, \$2, \$1.

Doors open 8.30 p.m., Curtain 9.15 p.m.

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Catalogues will be issued.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

OFFICIAL MARKET PRICES

Hongkong, January 29, 1914.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut,—Mei Lung Pa	lb. 21
" Corned,—Ham Ngau Yuk	" 21
" Roast,—Shin	" 21
" Breast,—Ngau Lam	" 19
" Soup,—Tong Yuk	" 16
" Steak,—Ngau Yuk Pa	" 22
" do,—Sirloin—Ngau Lan	" 33
" Sausages,—Ngau Cheung	" 26
Bullock's Brains,—No	per set 12
" Tongue, fresh,—Ngau Li	each 50
" Corned,—Ham Ngau Li	" 60
" Head,—Ngau Tau	" \$1.20
" Heart,—Ngau Sum	lb. 14
" Hump, Salt,—Ngau Kin	" 22
" Feet,—Chu Keuk	each 12
" Kidneys,—Ngau Yiu	" 12
" Tail,—Ngau Mei	" 20
" Liver,—Ngau Kon	lb. 13
" Tripe (undressed),—Ngau To	" 6
Calves' Head & Feet,—Ngau Tsai-tau-keuk	est \$1.20
Mutton Chop,—Yeung Pei Kwat	lb. 26
" Leg,—Yeung Pei	" 26
" Shoulder,—Yeung Shau	" 24
" Saddle,—	" 27
Pigs Chitlings,—Chu Chong	" 27
" Brains,—Chu No	per set 24
" Feet,—Chu Keuk	lb. 14
" Fry,—Chu Chap	" 15
" Head,—Chu Tau	" 18
" Heart,—Chu Sam	each 12
" Kidneys,—Chu Yiu	" 18
" Liver,—Chu Kon	lb. 30
" Pork Chop,—Chu Pai Kwat	" 25
" Corned,—Ham Chu Yuk	" 1
" Leg,—Chu Pei	" 30
" Fat or Lard,—Chu Yau	" 20
Sheeps' Head & Feet,—Yeung Tau Keuk	est 60
" Heart,—Yeung Sam	each 8
" Kidneys,—Yeung Yiu	" 12
" Liver,—Yeung Kon	lb. 27
Sucking Pigs, to order,—Chu Tsai	" 22
Suet, Beef,—Shang Ngau Yau	" 22
" Mutton,—Shang Yeung Yau	" 27
" Veal,—Ngau Tsai Yuk	" 19
" Sausages,—Ngau Tsai Cheung	" 20
" Lard,—Chu Yau	" 22

POULTRY:

Chicken,—Kai Tsai	lb. 30
Capon, Large, Small,—Sin Kai	" 30
Ducks,—Ap	" 24
Doves,—Pan Kau	" 18
Eggs, Hen,—Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz 24
Fowls, Canton,—Kai	lb. 34
" Hainan,—Hoi Nam Kai	" 28
Geese,—Ngo	" 24
Pigeons, Canton,—Pak Kap	each 30
" Hoihow,—Hoi How Pak Kap	" 25
Squabs,—Sha Tsai	each 23
Turkeys, Cook,—Fo Kai Kung	lb. 65
" Hen, " " No. 1	" 45

FISH:

Barbel,—Ka Yu	lb. 13
Bream,—Pin Yu	" 20
Canton Fresh Water Fish,—Hoi Sin Yu	" 17
Carp,—Li Yu	" 22
Catfish,—Chik Yu	" 15
Codfish,—Mun Yu	" 16
Crabs,—Hai	" 24
Cuttle Fish,—Muk Yu	" 18
Dab,—Sha Mang Yu	" 14
Dace,—Wong Mei Lap	" 15
Dog Fish,—Tit To Sha	" 12
Eels, Conger,—Hoi Man	" 13
" Fresh water,—Tam Sui Yu	" 20
Eels, Yellow,—Wong Sin	" 32
Frogs,—Tin Kai	" 33
Garoupa,—Shek Pan	" 45
Gudgeon,—Pak Kap Yu	" 18
Herrings,—Tao Pak	" 23
Halibut,—Cheung Kwan Kap	" 28
Labrus,—Wong Ka Yu	" 20
Loach,—Wu Yu	" 26
Lobsters,—Lung Ha	" 30
Mackerel,—Chi Yu	" 20
Monk Fish,—Mong Yu	" 32
Mullet,—Chai Yu	" 20
Oysters,—Shang Ho	" 24
Parrot Fish,—Kai Kung Yu	" 12
Perch,—Tau Lo	" 24
Pike,—Fa Pau Fong	" 18
Plaice,—Pan Yu	" 14
Pomfret, Black,—Hak Chong	" 28
Pomfret, White,—Pak Chong	" 32
Prawns,—Ming Ha	" 40
Ray,—Pai Pa Sha	" 12
Rock Fish,—Shek Kau Kung	" 18
Roach,—Chun Yu	" 12
Salmon,—Ma Yau	" 35
Shark,—Sha Yu	" 8
Skate,—Fo Yu	" 10
Shrimps,—Ha	" 24
Snapper,—Lap Yu	" 32
Solus,—Fat Sha Yu	" 32
Tench,—Wan Yu	" 20
Turbot,—Cho How Yu	" 20
Turtles, small, fresh water,—Kau Yu	" 64

FRUITS:

Almonds,—Bang Yan	lb. 35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Kho	" 18
" (Chefoo)—Tie Chun Ping Kho	" 1
" Small,—Hoi Tong	" 1
Bananas, fragrant, Canton,—San Shing Heung Chia	lb. 1
" (brides), Macao,—San Heung Chia	" 2
Chestnuts, Chinese,—Fong Lut	" 1

肉食

Carambola,—Yeung To	0
Cocoanuts,—Ye Tee	each 12
Grapes,—Po Tai Tsa	lb. 30
Lemons, China,—Ling Mung	" 6
" America,—Kam Shan Ling Mung	" 10
Lichees Dried,—Lai Chi, small Stone	" 30
" Fresh,	" 10
Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tim Ching	lb. 10
" Sweet,	" 10
Pears, (American),—Kam Shan Shoot Lay	" 10
" (Canton), Cooking,—Sha Li	" 10
Peanuts,—Fa Shang	" 10
Persimmons Large,—Hung Tsa	" 8
Pine-apples, 1st quality,—Fan Ti Po Lo	each 1
" 2nd,—Chung-tang Po Lo	" 1
Plantain,—Tai Chiu	lb. 3
Plums,—Swatow, Hung Lai	" 15
Pumelo, Siam,—Chim Lo Yau	each 15
" Shanghai,—Lo Kwai	" 15
Walnuts,—Hop To	lb. 15
" Green,—Sang Hop Tuo	each 1
Water Melon,—(Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	" 1

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb. 1
Chenck	" 1
Beans, (French), Macao,—Oh Moou Pin Tau	" 1
" (French) Shanghai,—Shang Hai Pin	" 1
" Sprout,—Ah Choi	" 8
" Long,—Tan Kok	" 10
Beet Root,—Hung Choi Tau	each 8
Bitter Squash,—Fu Kwa	" 8
Brinjals, Green,—Ching Yuan Kwa	" 8
" Red,—Hung Ke	" 6
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Kai Tsoi	" 10
Cabbage, Shanghai,—Ye Tsoi	" 14
Cane Shoots, bunch,—Kau Shun	lb. 8
Carrots,—Kam Shan	" 12
Celery, Chinese,—Tong Kan Tsoi	" 12
Chillies Dried,—Kon Lap Chiu	" 30
" Red,—Hung Fa Chiu	" 18
" Green,—Ching Lap Chiu	" 12
Curry Stuff, English,—Ka Li Chu Liu	" 10
Cucumbers,—Ching Kwa	each 2
Garlic,—Sun Tau	lb. 8
Ginger, young,—Sun Tee Keung	" 6
" old,—Lo Keung	" 8
Horseradish, Shanghai,—Lik Kan	" 15
Indian Corn,—Suk Mai	each 5
Lettuces,—Yeung Shang Tsoi	" 1
Water Chestnuts,—Ma Tai	lb. 6
" Mandarin,—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	" 8
Mushrooms, Fresh,—Shang Cho Ko	" 35
Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa	each 15
Okros	lb. 12
Onions Bombay,—Yeung Chong Tau	" 8
" Green,—Shang Chong	" 6
" Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Chong Tau	" 6
Parsley,—Kun Tsoi	lb. 8
Green Peas,—Ching Tau	lb. 1
Potatoes, Sweet,—Fan Shu	" 3
" Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Shu Tsa	" 1
" Japan,—Yut Fan Shu Tsa	" 2
" American,—Fa Ki Shu Tsa	" 8
" Foochow,—Fook-chow Shu Tsa	" 1
Pumpkin,—Tong Kwa	" 3
Radish,—Hung Lo Pak Tsa	" 5
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	" 12
Sage,—Tao So	" 1
Shallots,—Kon Chung Tau	" 8
Spinach,—Yin Tsoi	" 5
Tomatoes,—Kau Ke	" 8
Taro,—Wu Tau	" 6
Turnips, Punt, (Long)—Lo Pak	" 5
" English,—Yeung Lo Pak	" 1
Vegetable Marrow,—Chit Kwa	" 4
" (American)—Kam-san Chit Kwa	" 1
Water Cress,—Sai Yeung Tsoi	" 15
" Lily root,—Lin Ngau	" 8
Yams,—Ta Shu	" 6
" English,—Yeung Kan Choi	" 1
" Tau	" 1

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The above prices are in accordance with the Government's list

of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to the

30th ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule

of maximum retail prices:—

1. Flour:—

(a) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs., ... \$4.50

per lb., ... 10

(b) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs., ... 4.00

per lb.,08

(c) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lbs., ... 3.50

per lb.,07

2. Tinned Milk:—

(a) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin, ... 30

(b) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin, ... 25

(c) Sterilized Milk, per tin, (18 oz.), ... 25

(d) Sterilized Milk, per 1 litre tin, ... 35

(e) Eagle Brand, per 1 lb. tin, ... 33

(f) Skimmed Milk, per 1 lb. tin, ... 20

3. Sugar:—

Cane, (in 6 lb. tins), per tin, ... 1.15

Refined Crystallized, per lb., ... 12

Granulated, per lb., ... 12

Soft, No. 1 quality, per lb., ... 12

No. 2, ... 11

4. Frozen Meat:—

Cooking Salt, 2 cents per lb.

The Dairy Farm prices for frozen food, and other stores published

on 1st September, 1914, with all changes in prices shown in red

ink, are the maximum retail prices for the articles enumerated in

the price list of that date. [Approved copies signed by the Chair-

man and the Secretary of the Food Committee can be seen either at

DIARY OF WAR.

COUNTRIES AT WAR.

Germany	Britain.
Austria	Russia.
Turkey	France.
	Belgium.
	Japan.
	Serbia.
	Montenegro.

ARMY TERMS EXPLAINED.

Army corps is a complete army on a small scale in itself. The strength varies from 35,000 to 45,000 men.

Division is a force of infantry, cavalry, and artillery, usually with a strength of from 15,000 to 20,000 men.

Brigade is a force of infantry or cavalry. The infantry brigade is from 4,000 to 7,000 strong. The cavalry brigade is from 1,000 to 2,000 strong.

Regiment of infantry is from 2,000 to 4,000 strong. A cavalry regiment is from 500 to 1,000 men strong.

Squadron of cavalry is from 150 to 200 men strong.

Battery of artillery in the British and French armies has 6 guns and about 200 men. In the German Army consists of 4 guns and 150 men. In the Russian Army it consists of 8 guns and 250 men.

LAST MONTH.

Jan. 1.—British battleship *Formidable* sunk in the Channel. Army Orders announce creation of new Armies.

Jan. 2.—Business interests in Washington protest against any legislation restricting the export of munitions of war to the belligerents in Europe.

Jan. 3.—Allies in France and Belgium and Russians in Poland progress in spite of bad weather.

Jan. 5.—Russians follow up successes against Austrians and Turks by making many captures. Decisive Russian victory in Sarykamysh, entire Turkish Corps, including General Commanding, being captured, and another Corps pursued.

Jan. 6.—General Joffre congratulates Russia on her victory over the Turks, adding that the Allies in all theatres of war are now preparing for final victory. Germany agrees to British proposal for an exchange of prisoners incapacitated from further service. Earl Kitchener delivers speech in the House of Lords expressing confidence in ultimate victory.

Jan. 7.—Arrest of Cardinal Mercier by Germany announced.

Jan. 8.—Germans bombard Soissons and set fire to Law Courts. Germans recapture Burebaert at heavy cost to themselves. French official report discloses over one hundred examples of atrocious behaviour of Germans in France.

Jan. 9.—Announced that the Russians in Bukovina have advanced 80 miles in a week and reached the chain separating Bukovina from Hungary.

Jan. 10.—British Reply to U.S. Note published; Britain undertakes to interfere with neutral trade only when such trade is not bona fide.

Jan. 11.—Sixteen German aeroplanes seen over the Channel make for Dunkirk and drop 30 bombs, doing but little damage. Germans severely punished both east and west.

Jan. 12.—Russian successes in the Caucasus continue, two Turkish companies being captured.

Jan. 13.—Small-pox, cholera and typhoid raging in Austria. Roumania decides to enter the Concert of the Triple Entente by about the middle of February.

Jan. 14.—King George confers honours on the Grand Duke Nicholas and other Russian generals. Germans secure partial success at Soissons, capturing a number of French with guns.

Jan. 15.—The British in a brilliant engagement capture a German position near La Bassée, capturing many prisoners. Union forces occupy Ramens Drift and Swakopmund. Russians continue to drive German cavalry towards Thorn.

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In Assets, Income, Net Surplus, Business in Force, New Business the

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CONSIGNEES

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
From MEXICAN, PERUVIAN,
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JAPAN PORTS.

S.S. "ANYO MARU"

The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo

are hereby notified to send in their

Bills of Lading for countersignature,

and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 3rd instant at noon

will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery

must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the

Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on 8th

February, at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on board or in the Godown, and examination of same to be held on 11th

February at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be filed on or before 16th February, otherwise they will not be recognised.

O. WURIU, Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1915.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, SINGAPORE & SAIGON.

THE Steamship

"UMTA,"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods

will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge

of the vessel will be landed at once, at consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after the 3rd inst. at noon will be landed at consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1915.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

From CALCUTTA, PENANG and SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"LAISANG,"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods

will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge

of the vessel will be landed at once, at consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1915.

TO SAIL

For SHANGHAI KOBE & MOJI.

THE Steamship

"UMTA,"

Captain T. P. Babb, will be despatched for the above ports,

on THURSDAY, the 4th instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage apply to DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.

Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1915.

Jan. 22.—Announced that Allies have made good general progress in past three days, despite severe German attacks. British naval

seaplanes drop bombs on German submarines and guns at Zebruggo.

Jan. 23.—Announced that Germans attempt to pierce British line at St. Omer, advancing in

massed formation, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

Jan. 24.—Russians continue to rout Turks. German naval raid on English coast intercepted; German cruiser *Bischoff* sunk and two battle-cruisers seriously damaged; no British ships lost.

Japanese Money for Berlin.

The money for the payment of the interest of the 4 per cent.

Japanese loan for 1905 has arrived in Berlin. Negotiations are pending about the payment of the

interest on the 4 per cent. Japanese loan of 1905.

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

UNION WATERBOAT Co., Ltd.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Tenth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs.

Dodwell & Co., Limited, on Tuesday, the 9th February, 1915,

at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the

General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st

December 1914.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from

the 2nd February to 9th February, 1915, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1915.

THE KOWLOON LAND and BUILDINGS CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty Sixth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in this Company

will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings on Wednesday, the 10th February,

1915 at Noon for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with statement for the year ending 31st December, 1914.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from

Wednesday 3rd to Wednesday, 10th February, 1915 (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Agents for

The Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 27th Jan. 1915.

HONGKONG, CANTON and MACAO STEAMBOAT Co., Ltd.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Ninety Fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel

Mansions, on Tuesday, the 9th February, 1915, 12 o'clock noon,

for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the

26th January to the 9th February, 1915, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. E. CLARKE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1915.

NOTICE.

THE EAST INDIA SEA & FIRE INSURANCE CO.

We have taken over the agency of the above Company in Hongkong and are now prepared to grant FIRE and MARINE policies of insurance at current rates.

THE CHINA COMMERCIAL CO., 3, Daddell Street.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1915.

THE BRITISH DOMINIONS GENERAL INSURANCE CO., Ltd. OF LONDON.

The Undersigned having been appointed Fire Insurance Agents of the above Company, are now prepared to accept risks at current rates.

W. G. WORCESTER & Co. Hongkong, 1st February, 1915.

NOTICE.

L'UNION FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD. OF PARIS.

We have taken over the Agency of the above Company formerly held by Messrs. Siemens & Co. and are prepared to accept risks from this date.

CREDIT FONCIER D'EXTREME-ORIENT, Prince's Buildings.

NOTICE.

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL, KOWLOON.

A vacancy will occur in March for a trained Teacher. Apply to the Headmistress at the School, King's Park, Kowloon.

NOTICE.

THE WEEKLY TELEGRAPH.

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—PHOTOGRAPH—

The photograph on the current issue shows the remains of the German cruiser *Emden*.

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THE FIGHTING IN FLANDERS, by Alexander Powell.	2.75	OUR TEETH & OUR HEALTH, H. N. Oliver.	50
PRINCESS MARY'S GIFT BOOK, NURSERY RHYMES FOR FIGHTING TIMES, Thorp & Stevens.	2.00	THE MOTOR BOAT MANUAL, 6th Edition.	1.60

THE WAR OFFICE TO-DAY.

Some Kitchener Stories.

Earl Kitchener continues to make things move at the War Office, says a *Globe* correspondent. His activity is wonderful, and he is especially keen on making the contractor know his place. The Contracts Branch is being over-charged a great deal in its accounts—it always is—but I shall be surprised if the bills are passed. The War Office in itself has become unconventional, and the man who means business can romp through it insisting on getting what he wants. The old hands are all convinced the place is going to the dogs, and might as well be an office in Mark Lane.

For weeks I have been bursting to tell stories of the new regime and chance my luck with the Censor, who is like Habbakuk, capable of everything. It was the Censor who struck out in a telegraphic account of the destruction of the— a line saying that the wrist watch of a dead officer was still— when the body was picked up. What great and dreadful secret was involved in that fact? The stories I might tell are much more serious than that, for they are about Earl Kitchener himself.

When he was planted in the War Office at the beginning of the international conflict he was shown into his room in Whitehall. I know it well, for I have sat there more than once in confabulation with a Secretary of State for War. His lordship glanced round the room, with its big tables and desks, and said, "Yes, now I want you to put a partition right down. I will have my bathroom at that end, and here will be a bedroom. The rest will do for my office." "But," said they, "my Lord, any alterations in the building must be carried out by the Office of Works." "Indeed," said he, "are there any officers there?" "Yes, my Lord." "Then telephone for one of them."

The officer arrived post haste. Said Lord Kitchener, "You observe this room? I want a bathroom up there, a bedroom here, and the rest for an office. Good morning. I shall be back at six o'clock." "But, sir," said the subaltern, "we have no details about this, and the Office of Works do not allow walls to be out." "I quite understand," said Lord Kitchener, "but as I have already told you, I want a bathroom up at that end, and a bedroom here, and I shall be back at six o'clock. Good morning." And at six o'clock he was back, and all was ready.

You ought to hear the workmen on Lord Kitchener. They are as enthusiastic about him as the contractors are despondent. Several weeks ago a certain amount of navy work had to be done and as usual the Treasury side of the War Office was busy. The inefficiency of the Treasury side of the War Office is the great joke in the Civil Service. Those employed there are despised even by the Exchequer and Audit Department, which is saying much. The navies went on strike. Mr. John Ward, M.P., who has been a navy himself, was in his office, when he was called to the telephone. "Is that you, Mr. Ward? Right, Kitchener speaking. What is the normal pay

in your union?" Mr. Ward said it was so much—and the strike was over that afternoon.

Another story is of a committee. It was an important committee. Members of Parliament had asked questions and caused that committee to be appointed. Some of them were members of it and so was the Secretary for War. His lordship did not turn up at the first meeting so nothing happened, but the others had a polite letter written to him about the need for his presence at the next of their reunions. He put in an appearance, but said not a word until they asked for his views as to what they should do. He informed them; "He told them loud and clear. He went and shouted in their ear." The Committee has not met since. One of the members, a well-known Socialist M.P. whom I saw the other day very sick indeed, on a flushing boat, says that his lordship told them to— but really I must not betray these Socialistic confidences in the *Globe*. Enough that the members leavily understood and appreciated Lord Kitchener's views on themselves and the subjects with which they had concerned themselves. I would like to tell the story of the visit to Avonmouth, but that is distinctly a matter for the Censor, whose few remaining hairs it would make curl.

Army of 10,000,000 for Russia. Copenhagen, December 14.—A Russian who arrived to-day from Lódz, where he served in the Red Cross, says that the Russians have commenced a new mobilization in the last few days. The Russian army, he says, will number 10,000,000, not including the troops of seventeen governments where no mobilization has been ordered.

The Cormoran at Guam. Washington, December 15.—Voluntary internment to-day of the German converted cruiser Cormoran and its 22 officers and 355 men at Guam, an American Pacific ocean insular possession, brought what promised to be troublesome questions, involving the observance of American neutrality, to a prompt and final adjustment. As soon as it was learned at the Navy Department that the Cormoran had put into Guam, short of coal, food and water, there was immediate discussion of the extent to which the warship could replenish its supplies in an American port.

In view of Guam's remoteness from any German port, the decision to intern was expected; but in the meantime Captain Maxwell, governor of the far-away naval station, was instructed to observe strict neutrality in all his dealings with the German commander. Information as to how Germany acquired the vessel from its present enemy is not obtainable. It is supposed the ship had been employed by the Germans as a destroyer of commerce in the Pacific.

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2. Ships' Officers are strictly forbidden to receive on board their vessels any correspondence from the Public.
3. Shipmasters are not allowed to place boxes on board their vessels for the purpose of collecting correspondence; all such boxes found exposed on board their vessels will be removed and returned to the General Post Office.
4. Shipping Companies must not receive from the Public for inclusion in their ships' Papers any but bona fide consignees' letters which should be left open for inspection when required.
5. Shipping Companies should state in their notifications to the Post Office the exact hour of departure of their vessels in order that the public may have every facility for posting at the General Post Office.
6. Shipping Companies and Ships' Officers must send to the Post Office ALL correspondence posted in the Ships' Letter Boxes or received by Ships' Officers at the ports from which they sailed, or anywhere en route to Hongkong.

War risks are not covered by postal registration or insurance.

THE PARCEL POST AND INSURED LETTER SYSTEM TO BRAZIL IS SUSPENDED.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT ALTHOUGH EVERY POSSIBLE PRECAUTION IS TAKEN TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF ALL POSTAL PACKETS WHILST IN THE CUSTODY OF THE POST OFFICE, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL CANNOT GIVE COMPENSATION FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE WHICH MAY BE DUE TO THE ACT OF THE KING'S ENEMIES. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE NO LETTERS, BOXES, OR PARCELS FOR BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CROATIA, OR MONTENEGRO AND NO LETTERS, BOXES OR PARCELS FOR MALTA CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR INSURANCE.

The services to Germany, Austria, and their Colonies and the Ottoman Empire are suspended as are also the Parcel Post services to France & Belgium.

The Public are informed that Gold and Silver in Coin or Bullion and Paper Money cannot be accepted for transmission through the Post without a permit issued by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports.

British Postal Orders are now on sale at the Sai Yung Poon Branch Post Office.

The American Mail, ex Mongolia has been transferred to the Cordillera, which is due to arrive here on the 5th February. The Chilli, with the French Mail, is due to arrive on Monday, the 8th inst.

MAILS DUE:

American, Cordillera, 5th February. French, Chilli, 8th inst.

MAILS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Saigon—Per RUBI, 4th inst. 9 a.m.
Hohow & Haiphong—Per HONGKONG, 4th Feb. 10 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China—Per WINGSANG, 4th inst. 10 a.m.
Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 4th Feb. 11 a.m.
Haiphong—Per SINGAN, 4th inst. 11 a.m.
Philippine Islands and Japan via Moji, Yokohama, S. O., Tacoma, & United Kingdom via Canada—Per PANAMA M., 4th Feb. 1 p.m.
Japan via Kobe—Per TEIKOKU MARU, 4th inst. 2 p.m.
Shanghai, N. China, & Japan via Kobe—Per UTA, 4th Feb. 2 p.m.
Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia) Per YINGCHOW, 4th Feb. 3 p.m.
[Tinian-Pukow Service Shanghai Br. P. O. Monday, 8th Feb.]
Ningpo, Shanghai & North China—Per IOHANG, 4th Feb. 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, 5th Feb.

Japan via Kobe—Per MASHIMA M., 5th inst. 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, 6th Feb.

Haiphong—Per WAISHING, 6th inst. 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon & India via Bombay—Per JAMA M., 6th inst. 11 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe. (Late letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra postage 10 cents. Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per COR-DILLIER, 6th inst. 11 a.m.
Shanghai, North China and (Europe via Siberia) Per LIANGCHOW, 6th inst. 4 p.m.
[Tinian-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P. O. Thursday, the 11th Feb.]

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Haimun, Br. s.s. 641, Stewart, 3rd inst.—Swatow, 1st inst. Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Haitan, Br. s.s. 1,183, J. W. Evans, 3rd inst.—Swatow, 2nd inst. Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Albana, Br. s.s. 2,463, Wm. Dunbar, 3rd inst.—Ching-wan-tao, 23th ult. Co.—D. & Co.
Devawong, Br. s.s. 1,047, C. W. Shearer, 3rd inst.—Saigon, 23th ult. Rice.—Chinese.
Phrenang, Br. s.s. 1,011, H. Flashman, 3rd inst.—Haiphong, 1st inst. Rice.—Chinese.
Opland, Norw. s.s. 843, H. L. Erikson, 3rd inst.—Bangkok, 23th ult. Rice.—T. & Co.
Yuenang, Br. s.s. 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 3rd inst.—Manila, 30th ult. Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Glencalloch, Br. s.s. 1,434, Bainsbridge, 3rd inst.—Singapore, Gen.—Chinese.
Daijin Maru, Jap. s.s. 800, K. Murokami, 3rd inst.—Swatow, 2nd inst. Gen.—O. S. K.

DEPARTED.

February 2.

Wenchow for Canton
Kailong for Haiphong via Pakhoi
Trigona for Palembang
Pyrrhus for London via Singapore
Chingchow for Saigon
Unhai Maru for Hongay
Hailang for Foochow via Swatow
Soshu Maru for Amoy via Swatow
Kwangtiah for Shanghai

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

February 2.

Myo Maru for Port Courbet
Paoting for Saigon
Taiwan Maru for Port Perserai
Tatouise for Shanghai

February 3.

Kueichow for Manila
Cheongching for Canton
Laitang for Yokohama
Yei Maru No. 2 for Wakamatsu
Fausang for Saigon

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Yuenang from Manila—Messrs White, McDonald, Colleyshaw, Hall and Bracken.

SUNDAY, 7th Feb.

Swatow, Amoy & Tamsui—Per DAIJIN MARU, 7th inst. 9 a.m.
Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 7th inst. 9 a.m.
Chinwangtao—Per HERCULES, 7th inst. inst., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 8th Feb.

Austra-Philippine Is., Australia, Tas-
manian, New Zealand and New
Guinea via Thursday Island—
Per EMPIRE, 8th Feb. 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, 9th Feb.

Japan—Per RUBI, 9th Feb. 9 a.m.
Philippine Islands and Japan,
via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United
States, South America via
S. Francisco & U. Kingdom
via Canada—Per NIPPON M.,
9th Feb. 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan
via Moji, Yokohama, Seattle U.
Kingdom via Canada, (Europe
via Siberia)—Per SADO MARU
9th Feb. 11 a.m.
[Tinian-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br.
P. O. Friday, the 12th Feb.]

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAI-
CHING, 9th Feb. 1 p.m.
Shanghai & North China—Per KAN-
OHOW, 9th inst. 3 p.m.

Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 9th Feb. 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 11th Feb.

Straits, Colombo, Malacca, & U. King-
dom—Per KAMO M., 11th
inst. 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 12th Feb.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAI-
YANG, 12th Feb. 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, 13th Feb.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Ade-
laide, Western Australia, In-
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Boxes in time for the first
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ORIENTAL, 13th inst. 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 20th Feb.

Philippine Islands, Australia,
Tasmania, New Zealand, & Europe
via Port Darwin & New Guinea, via
Thursday Is.—Per TAIYUAN,
20th Feb. 11 a.m.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 3rd at noon—Pressure has increased moderately over N. Japan owing to the advance eastwards of the anticyclone, which is now central over S. Manchuria. Slight to moderate decreases have occurred over the remainder of the area.

The southern depression has become more intense and south westerly winds and squally weather may be expected over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood	S. & S.W. winds moderate; cloudy, squally, some rain.
2 Formosa Channel	S. winds, moderate to light.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamma	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

3rd Feb. a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	D. Hum. Force.	Winds.
Wootack	7a	30.36	58	50	mo	50
Nemuro	6a	30.14	50	0	0	0
Hakodate	6a	30.23	50	0	0	0
Tokio	6a	30.12	50	0	0	0
Kochi	6a	30.03	50	0	0	0
Nagasaki	6a	29.97	50	0	0	0
Kagima	6a	30.00	50	0	0	0
Osaka	6a	29.93	50	0	0	0
Naha	6a	29.91	50	0	0	0
Ishijima	6a	29.93	50	0	0	0
Choshi	6a	29.99	50	0	0	0
Choshi	6a	29.99	50	0	0	0
Wakatsu	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Hankow	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Iohang	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Kinkiang	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Changsha	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Shanghai	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Gutzlaff	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Sharp P.	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Amoy	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Swatow	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Taihou	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Tainan	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Koshu	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
P. O.	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Swatow	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Amoy	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Wuchow	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Pakhoi	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Yunnan	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Tourane	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
O. S. J.	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Apurri	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Manila	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Legaspi	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Iloilo	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Bacod	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Cebu	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60
Labuan	6a	30.19	50	90	n	60

T. E. Claxton, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 3.
1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, o detached cloud, drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, lightning, o overcast, p passing shower, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
	at 5 p.m.	at 4 p.m.	at 3 p.m.
Barometer	29.86	29.81	29.78
Temperature	74	74	76
Humidity	87	83	84
Wind Direction	SW	SW	SW
Force	3	4	3
Weather	op	op	op
Rain	0.04	0.04	0.04
Wettest open air temperature on the day	74	74	76
Lowest	60	60	60
H.K. Observatory, 3rd February.			
T. E. CLAXTON, Director.			

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SHANGHAI	Malta Capt. G. W. Cookman R.N.R.	about 12th Feb.	Freight & Passage
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKO-HAMA	Namur Capt. A. Collyer	about 20th Feb.	Freight & Passage
LONDON via S'pore, Penang, Colombo, Port Said and Marseilles	Namur Capt. A. Collyer	10 a.m. 31st Mar.	Freight & Passage

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